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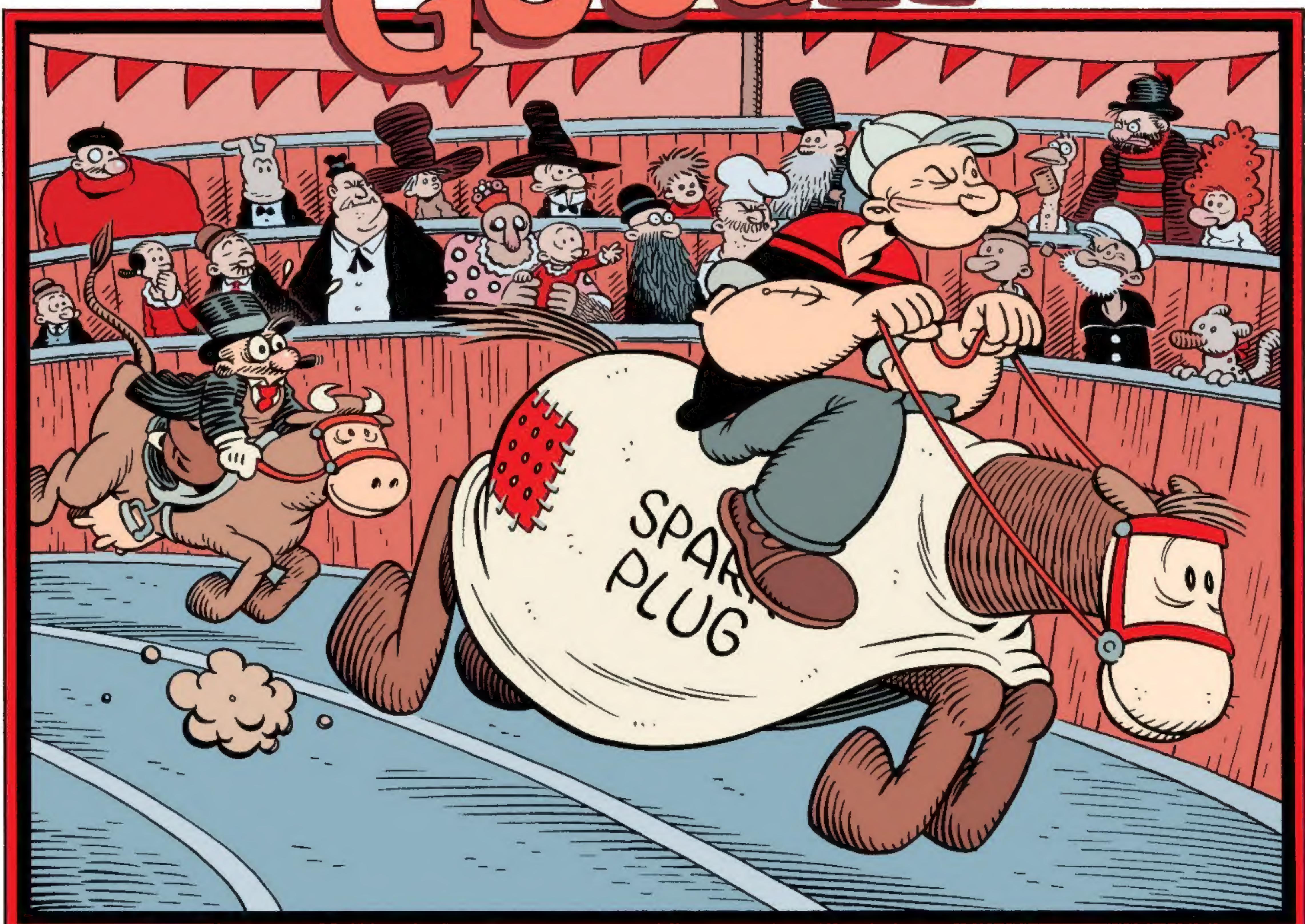
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SEGAR's
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FOR THE
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in "A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR" or
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Starring



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the SAILOR



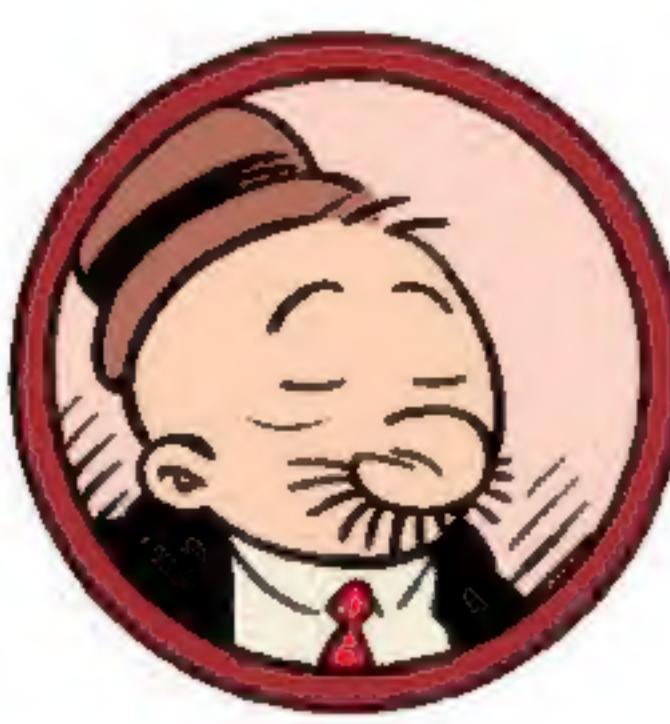
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J. WELLINGTON WIMPY and SPARK PLUG



IT'S WAY PAST MIDNIGHT... THE TOWN SLEEPS... SHH... SHH... DON'T MAKE A SOUND...



BUT WAIT! DO WE DETECT SIGNS OF LIFE?

OHO! IT SEEMS NOT EVERYONE TURNS INTO A PUMPKIN WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES TWELVE!



SO... WHAT BRING YOU TO OUR TOWN, MISTER GARGOYLE?

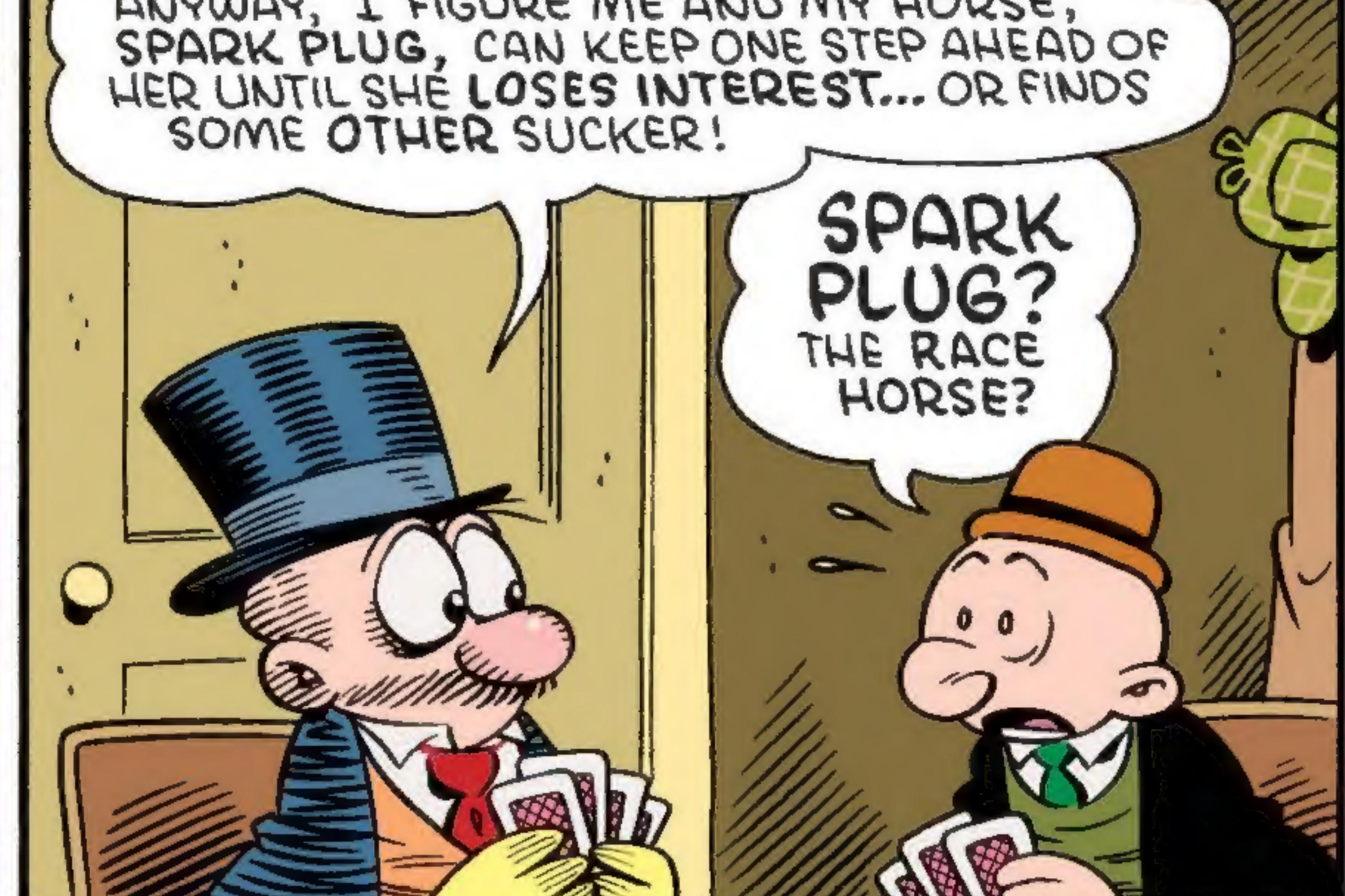
THAT'S GOOGLE, MISTER TOAR... BARNEY GOOGLE. AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M ON THE RUN FROM MY EX-WIFE!

WHY... DOES SHE BITE?



ANYWAY, I FIGURE ME AND MY HORSE, SPARK PLUG, CAN KEEP ONE STEP AHEAD OF HER UNTIL SHE LOSES INTEREST... OR FINDS SOME OTHER SUCKER!

SPARK PLUG?
THE RACE HORSE?



MY "SWEET WOMAN" AND I SPLIT UP YEARS AGO... SHE EVEN GOT REMARRIED TO MY PAL HORSEFACE KLOTZ FOR A WHILE... BUT SHE KEEPS TRYING TO WEASEL HER WAY BACK INTO MY LIFE!

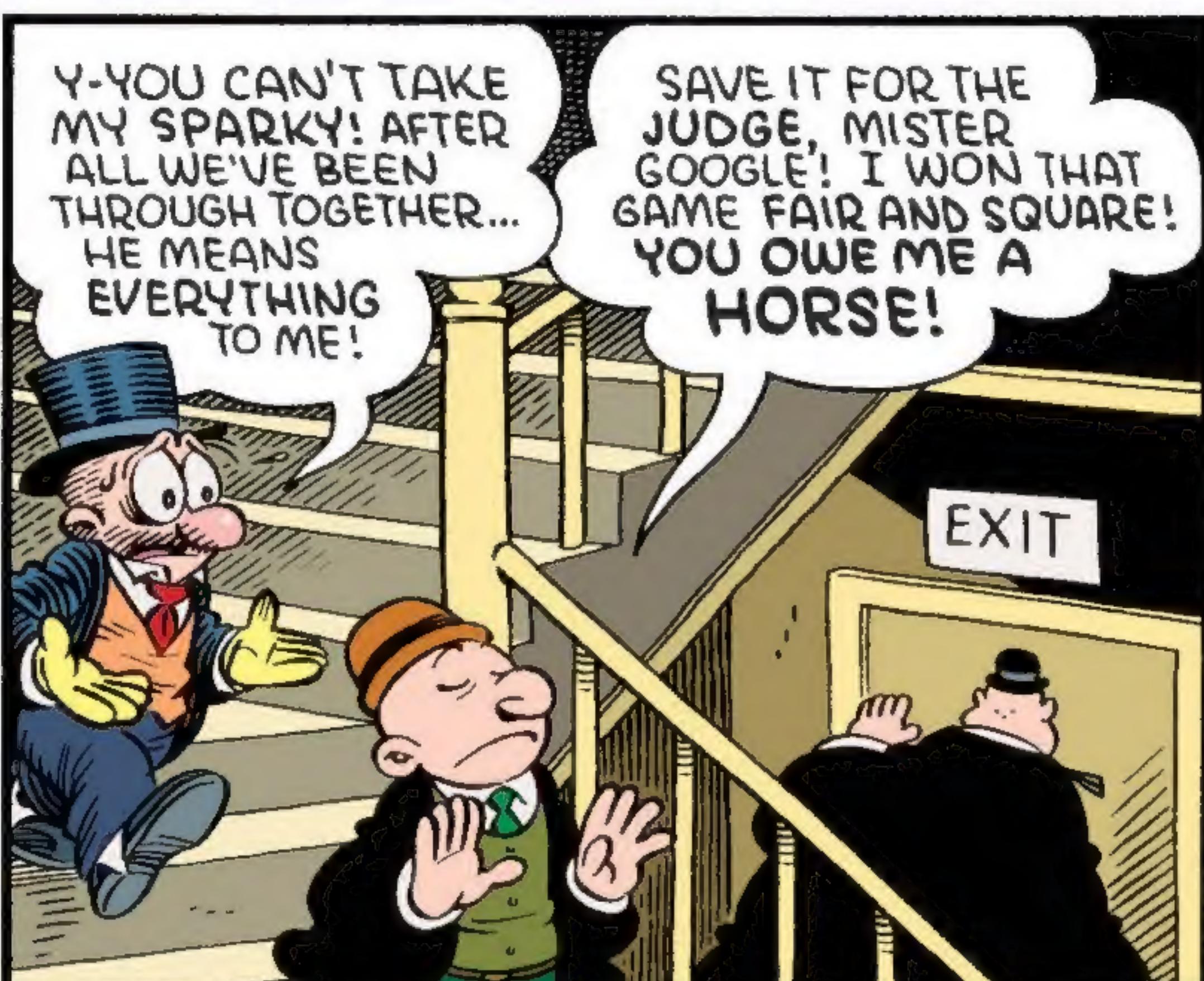
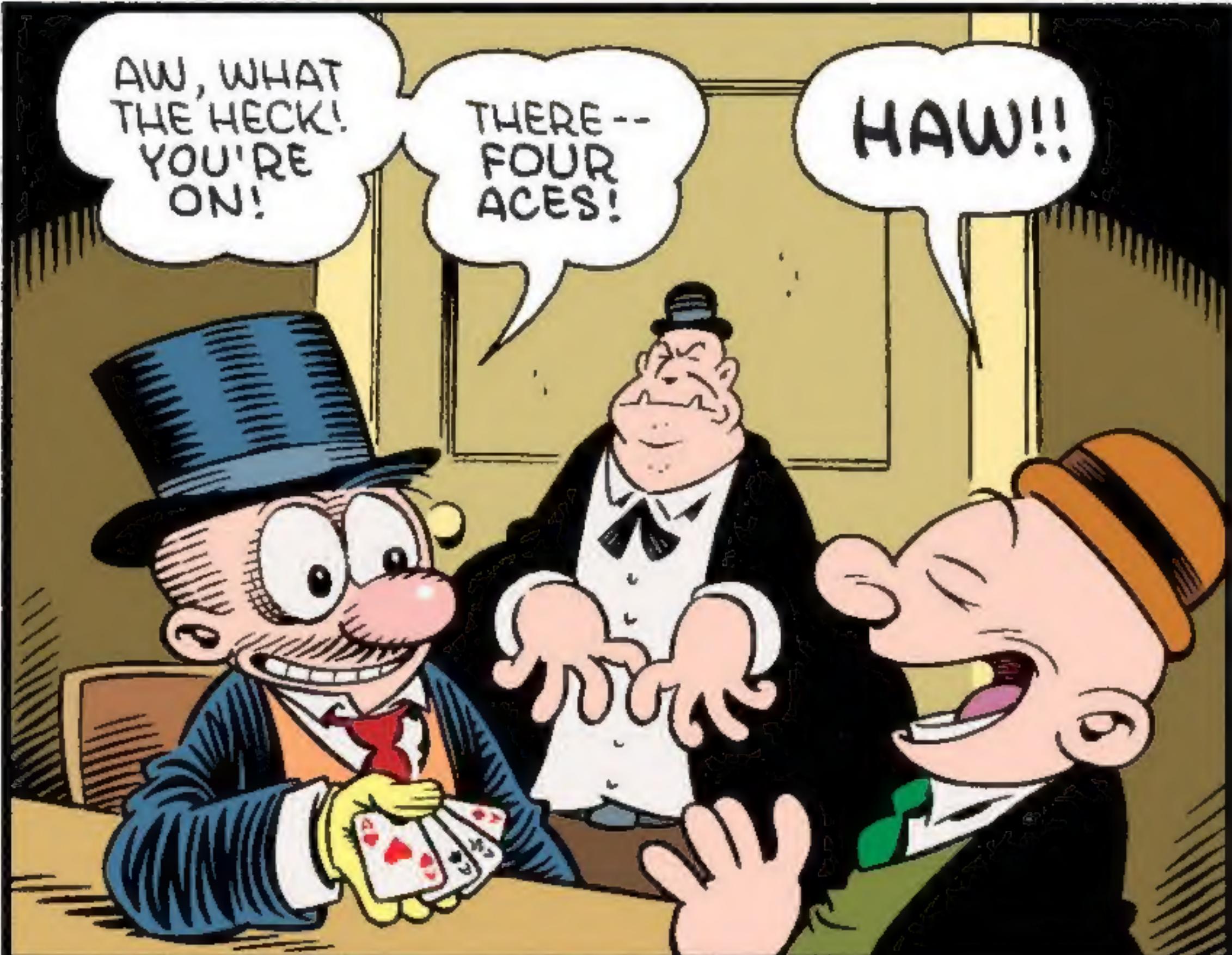
SHE'S GOT THIS CRAZY IDEA I'VE GOT MONEY STASHED AWAY SOMEWHERE. I WISH!!

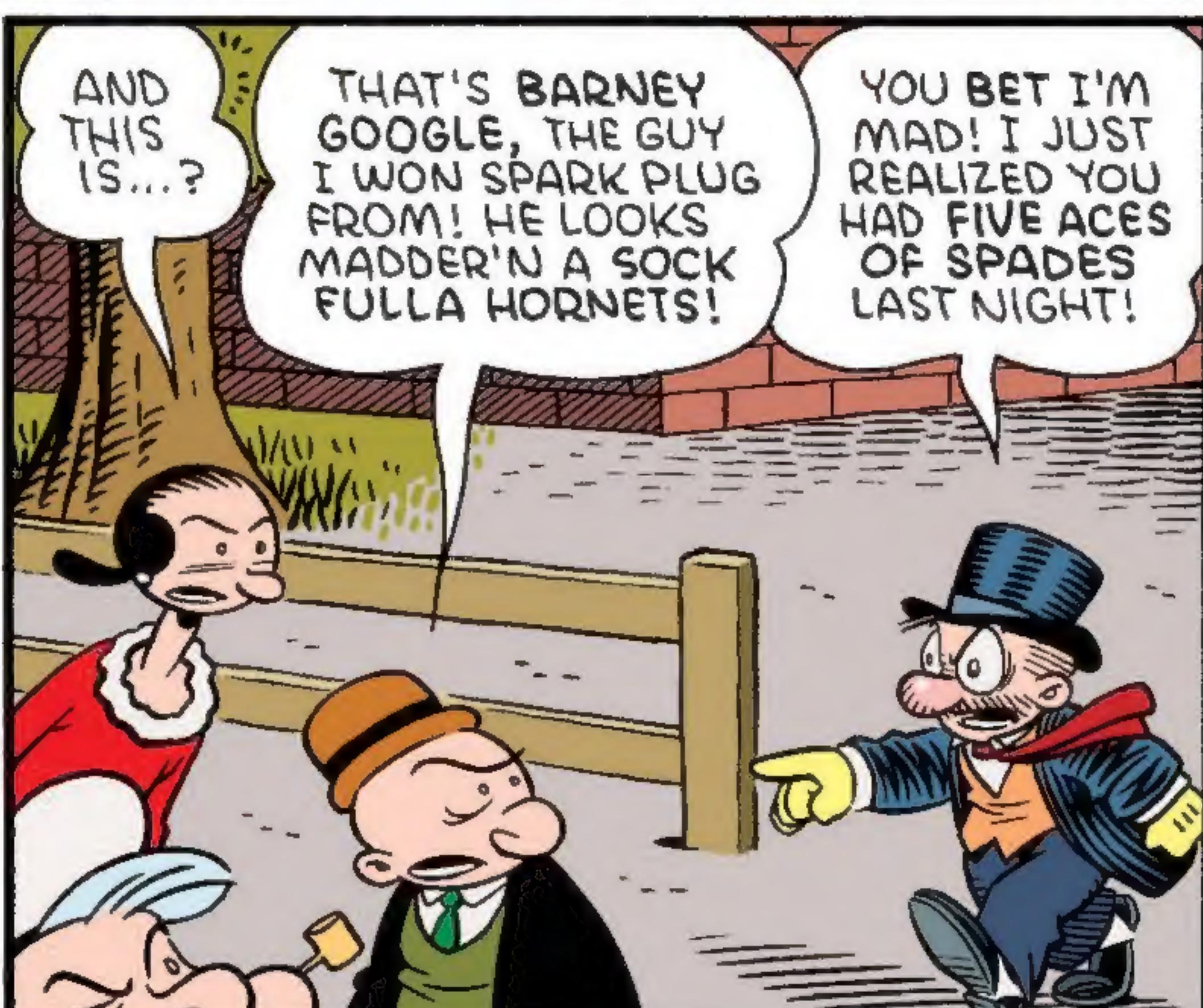
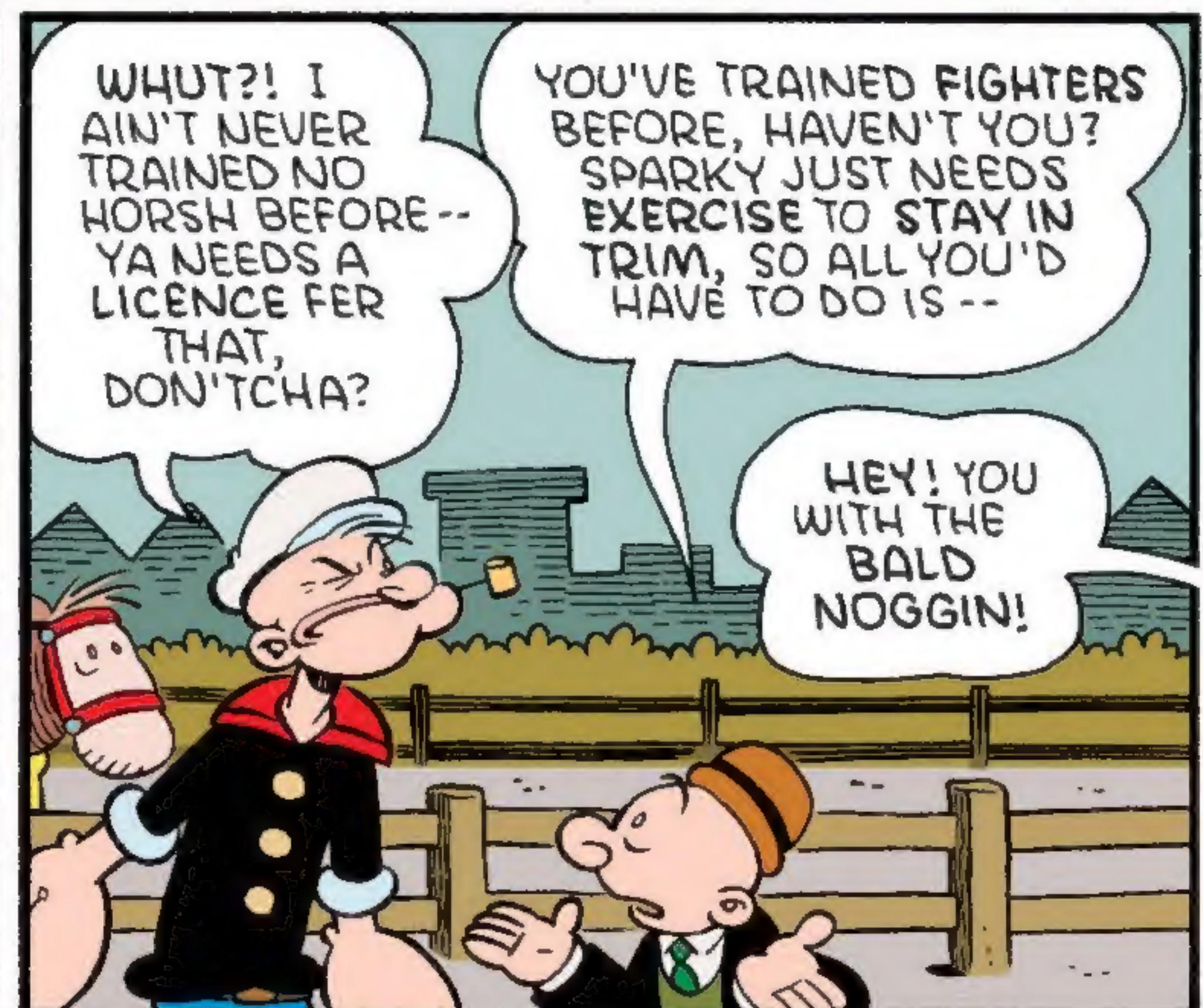
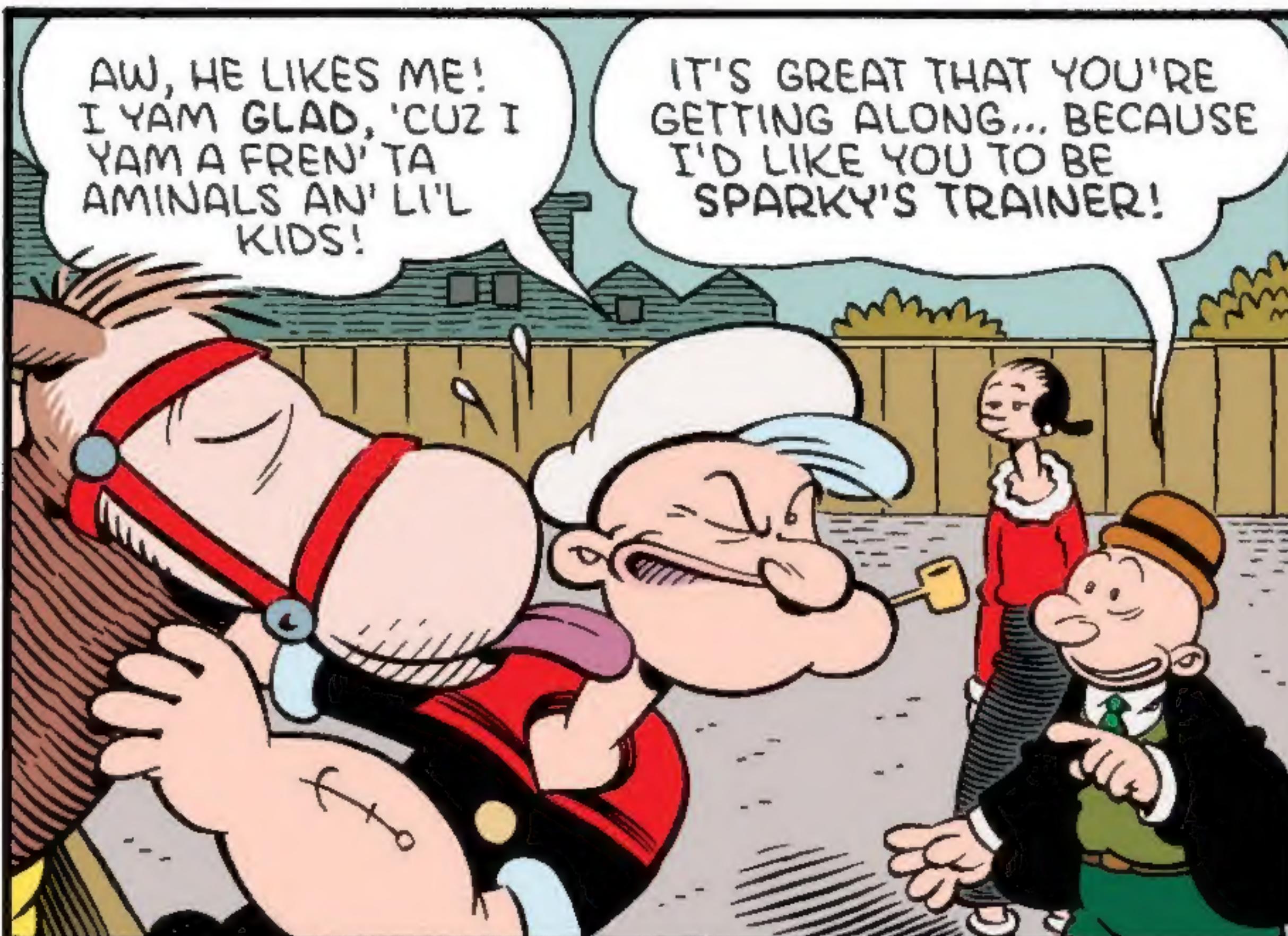
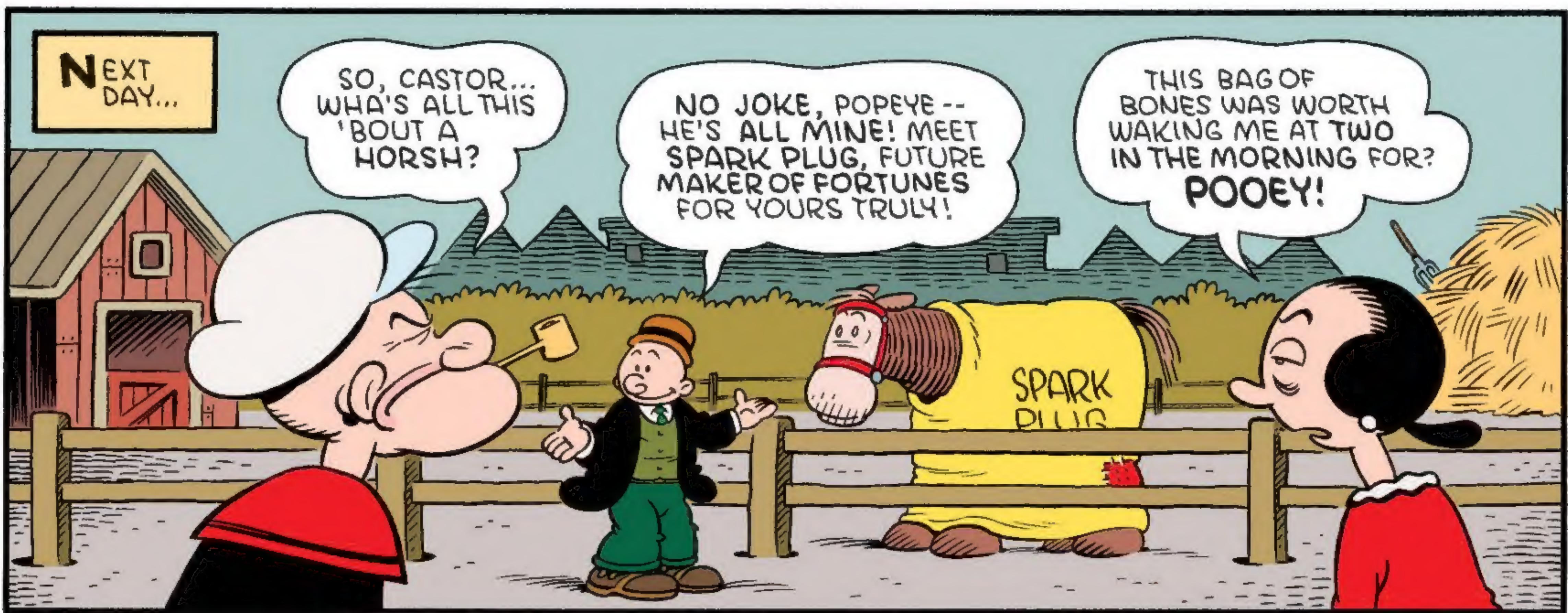
THE SAME! WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER UMPTEEN YEARS NOW... SPARKY IS MY BROWN-EYED BABY!

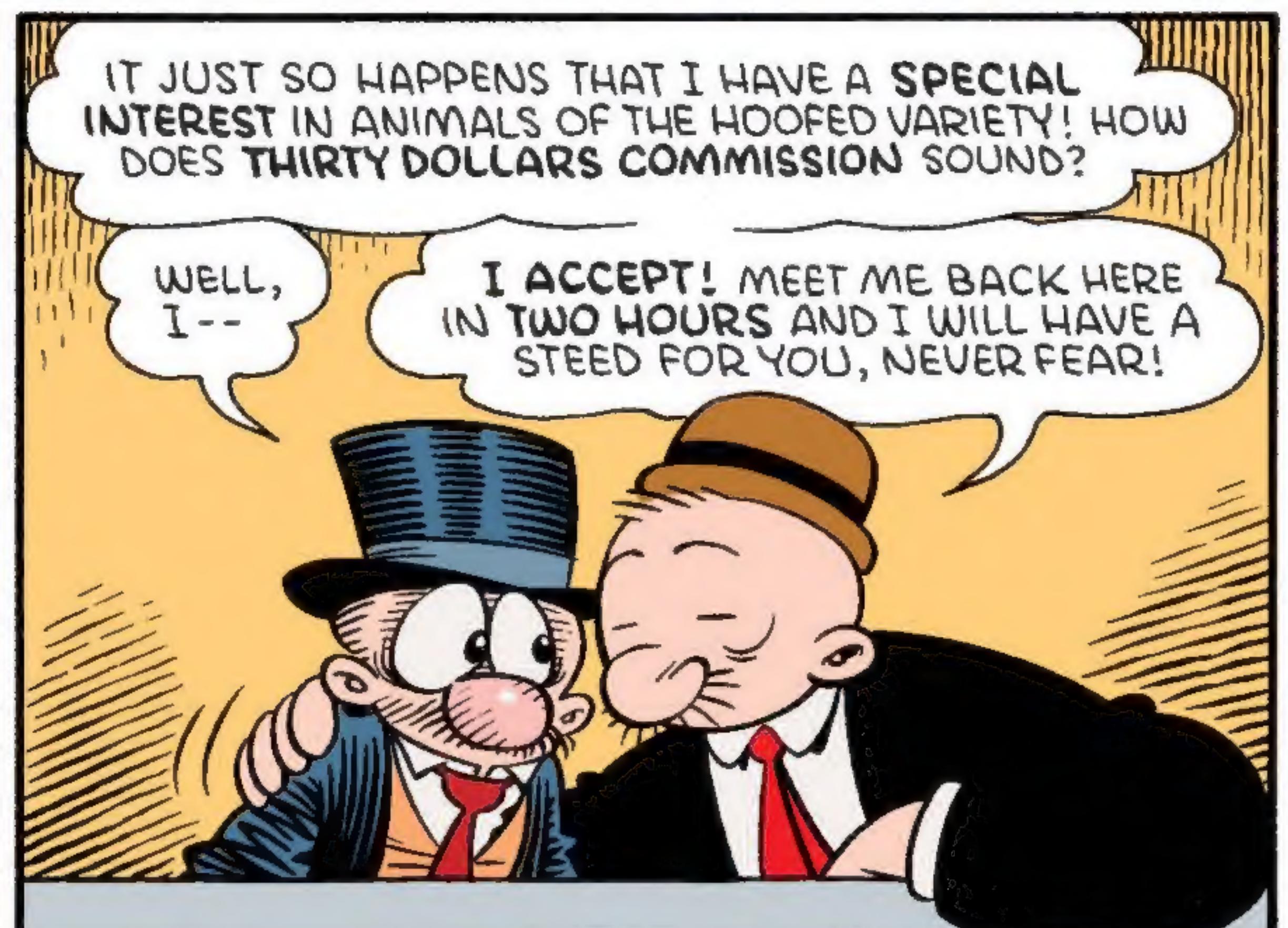
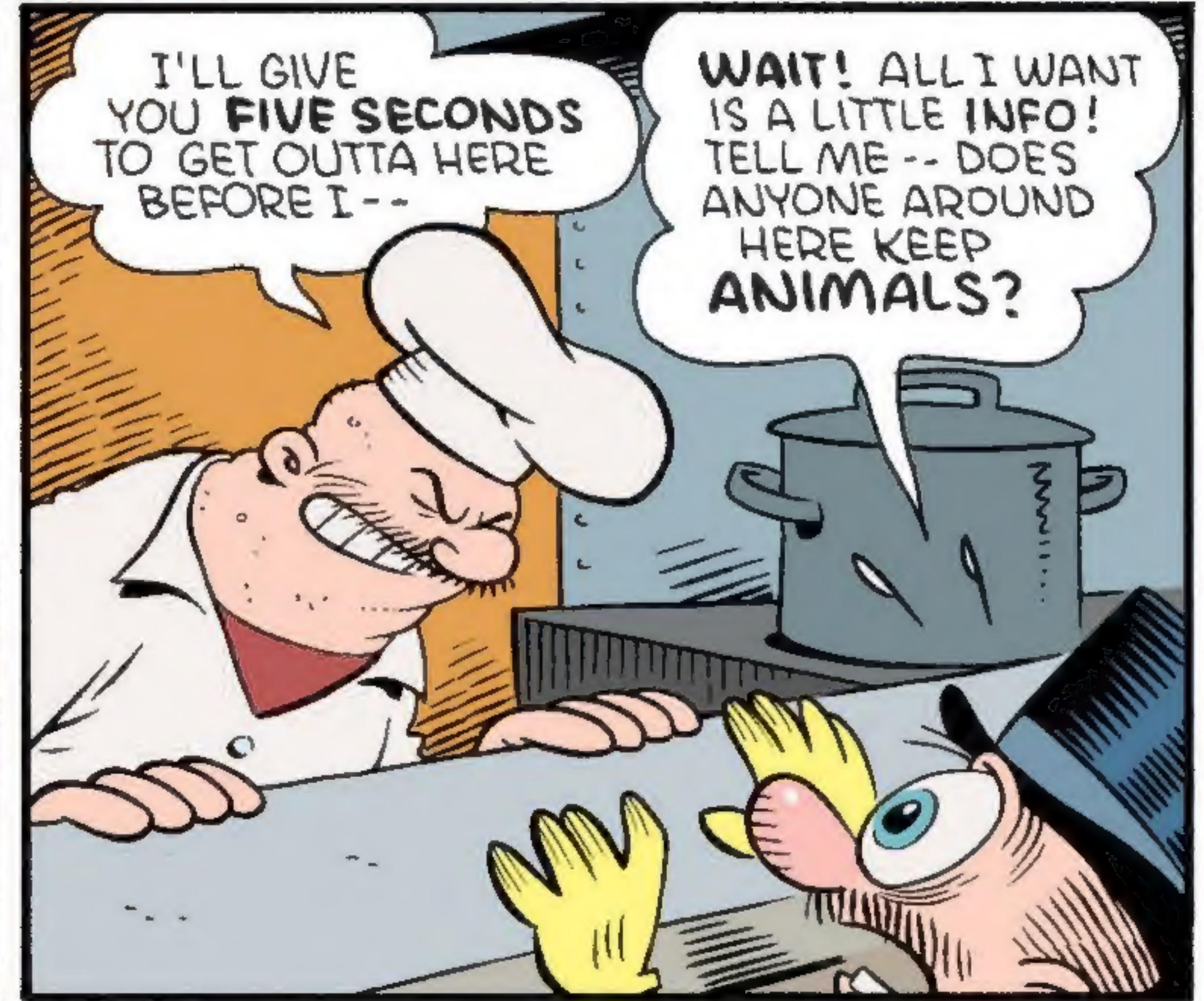
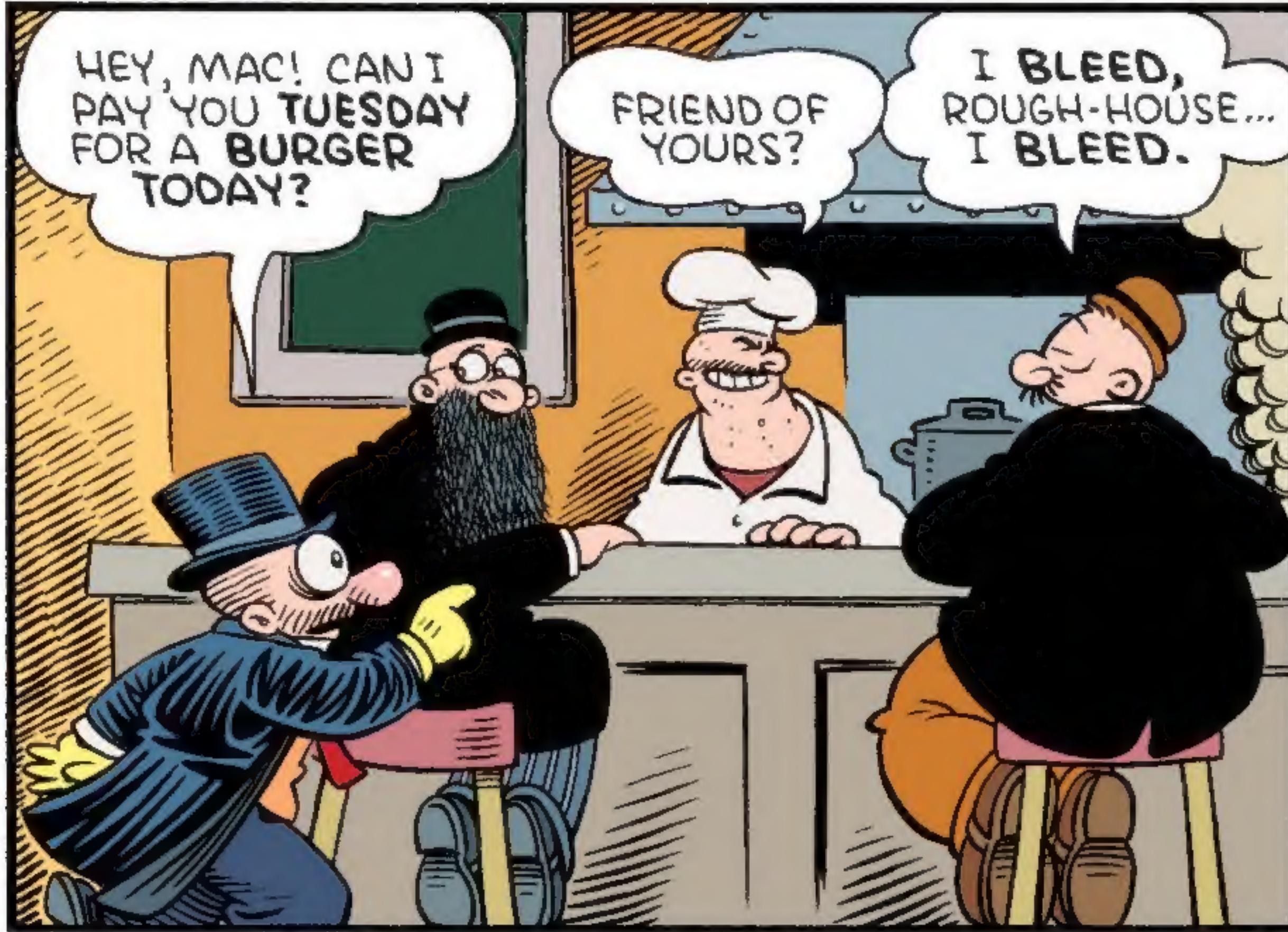
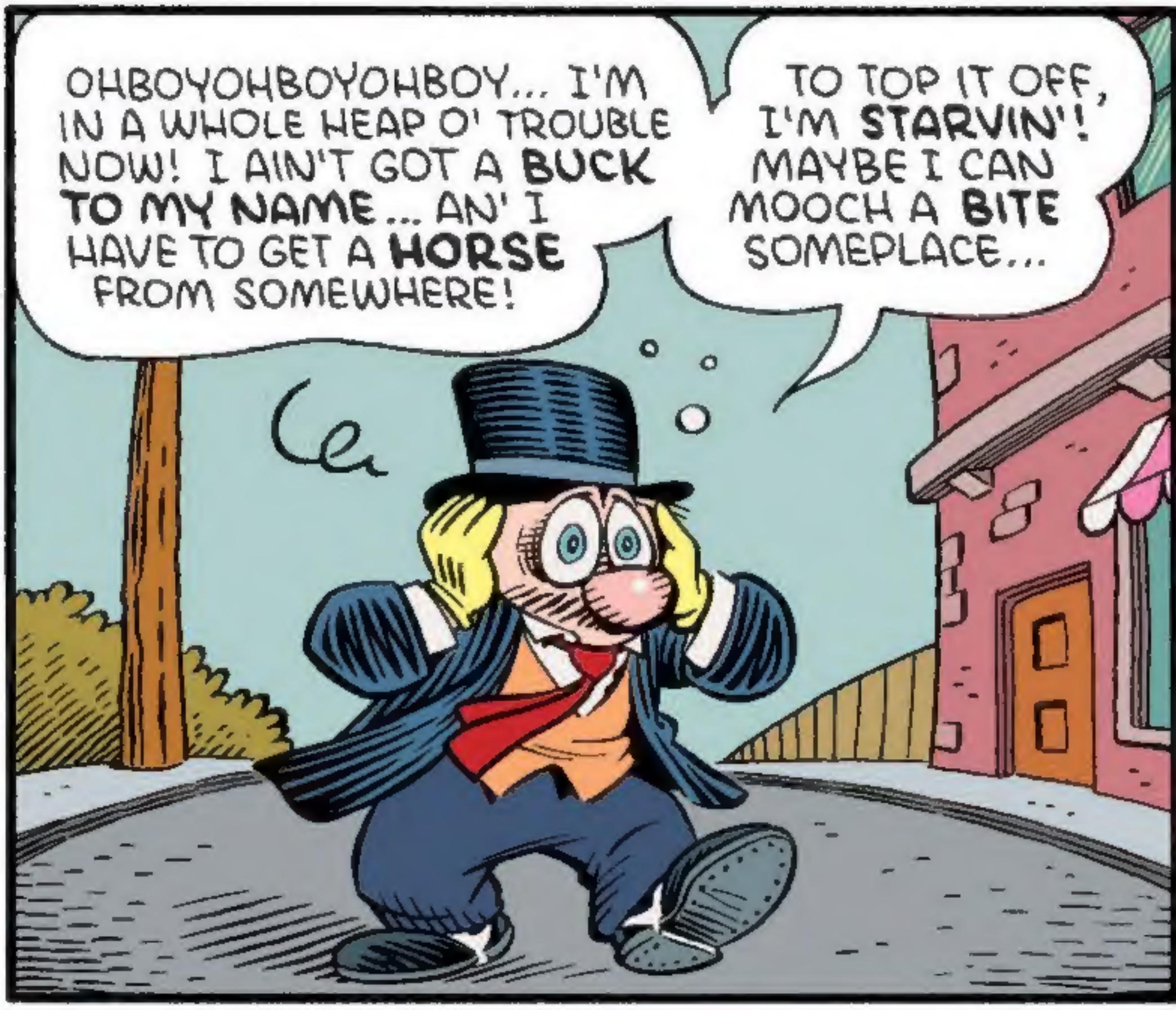
WELL, WELL! SO YOU'RE THE OWNER OF THE FAMOUS SPARK PLUG! WE HAVE A CELEBRITY AMONG US, TOAR!

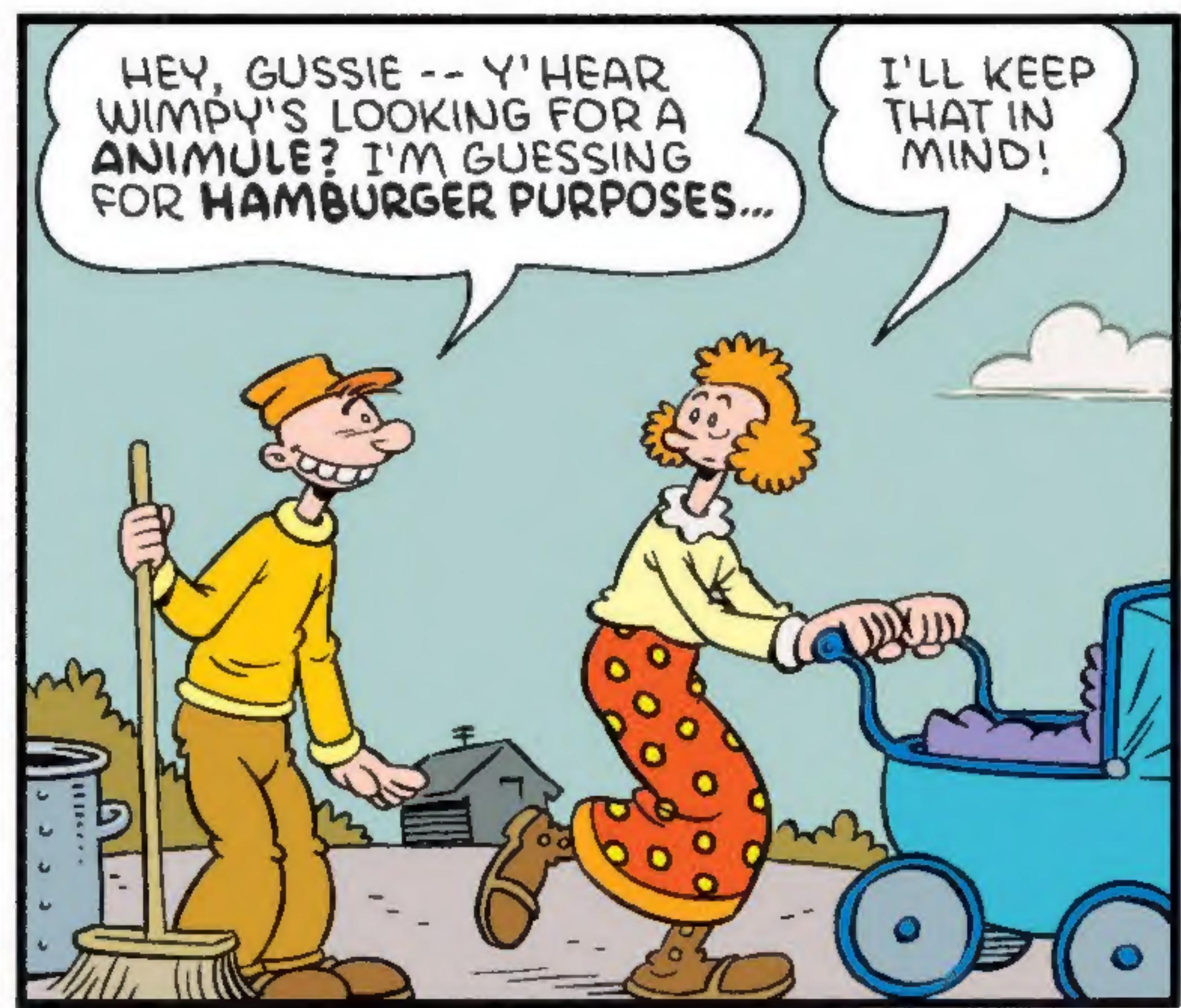
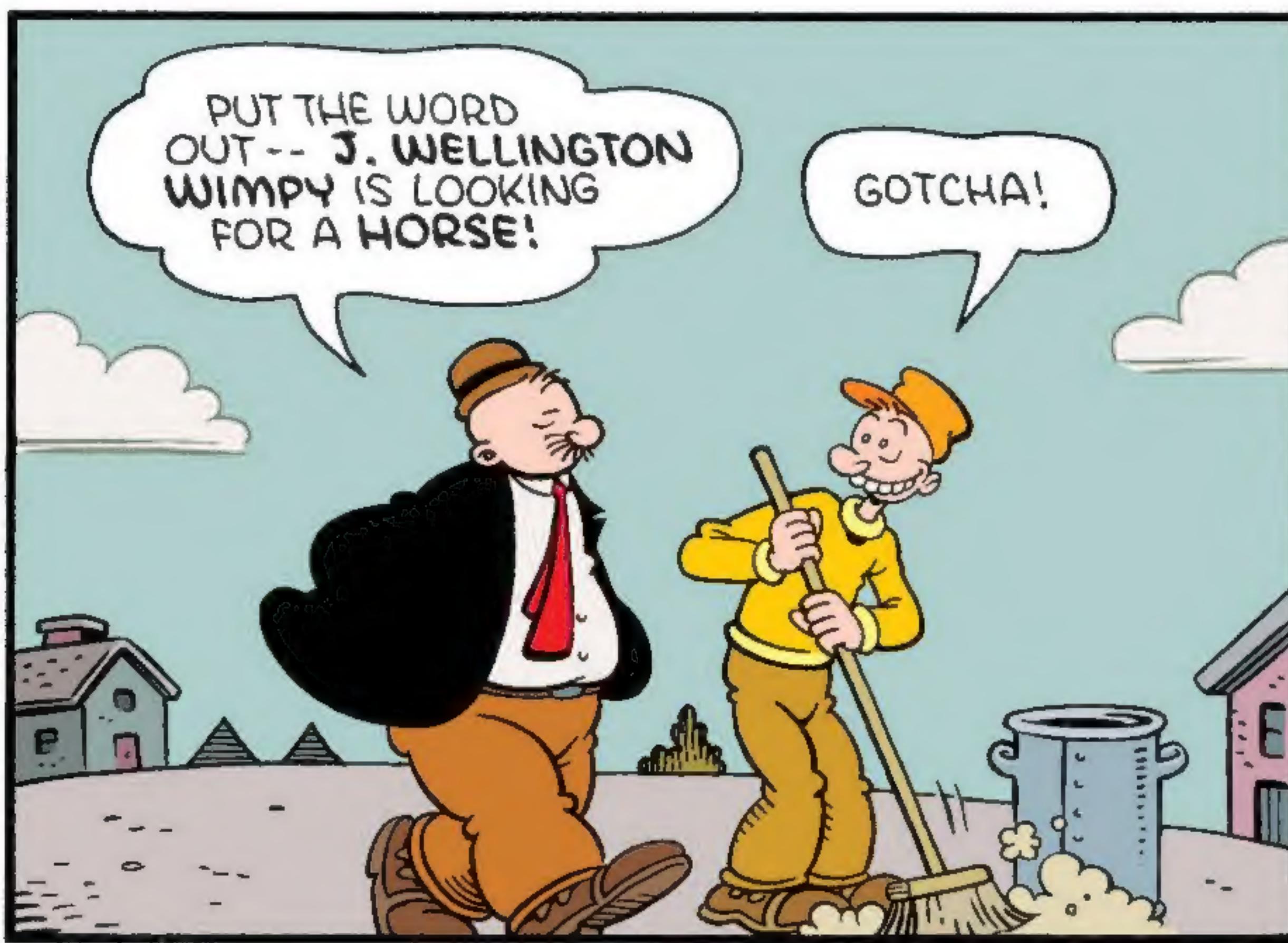
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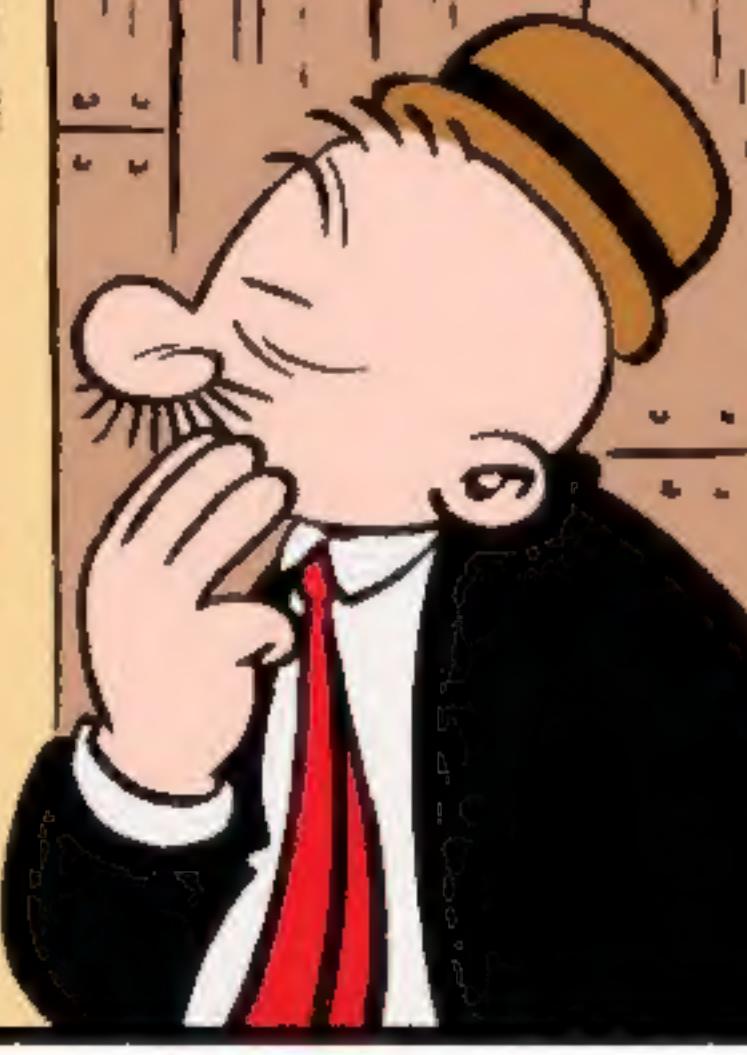
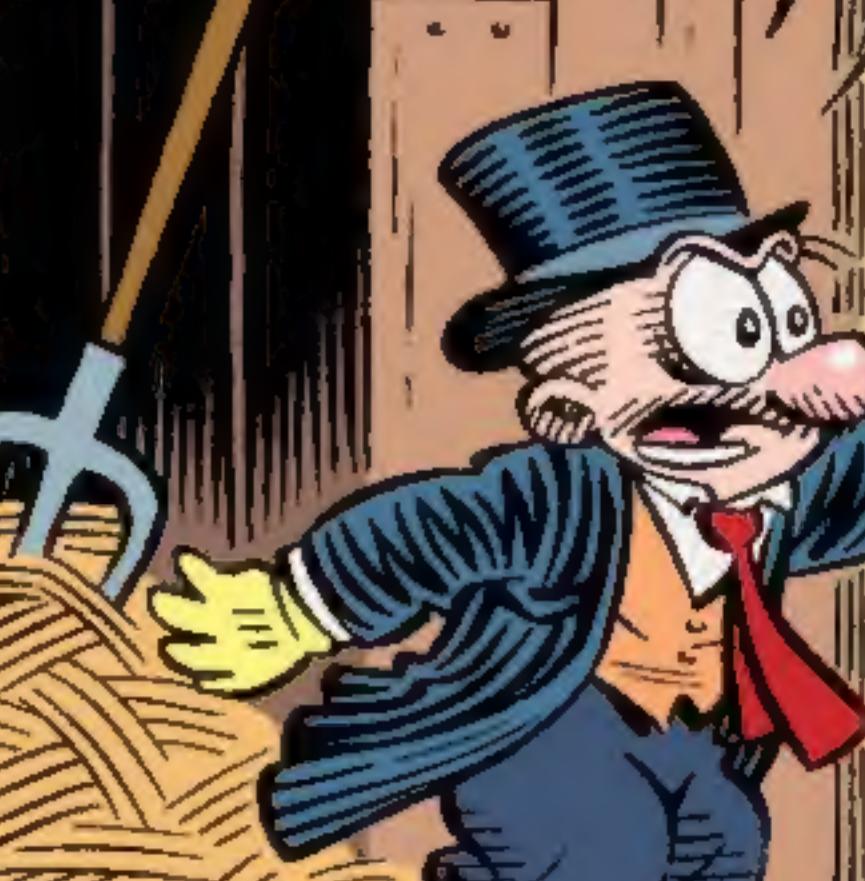




AND SO WIMPY AND BARNEY BECOME THE PROUD HANDLERS OF A COW!!

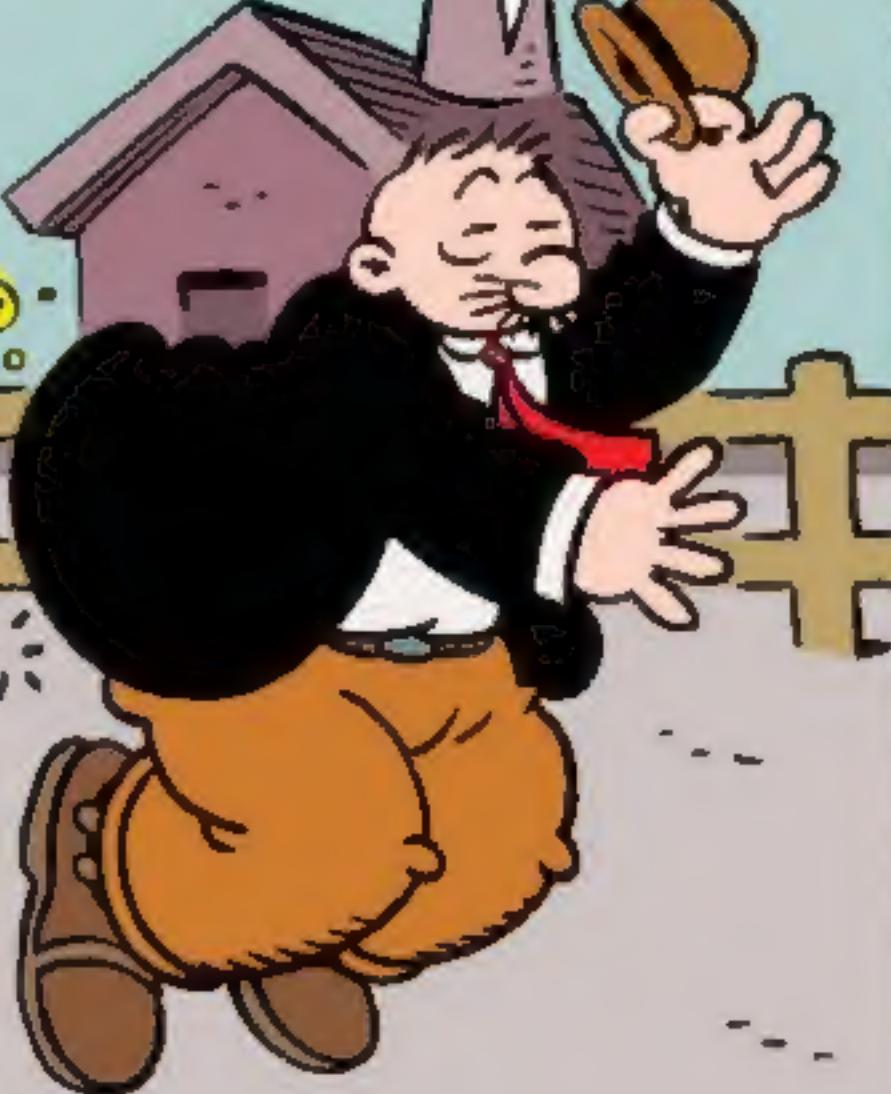
BUT, MY DEAR SIR! SHE EATS HAY... SHE HAS HOOVES... YOUR SPECIFICATIONS TO THE LETTER! AND WITH THE ADDED BONUS THAT A **SECONDARY USE** MIGHT BE FOUND FOR HER, SHOULD SHE MEET WITH AN ACCIDENT...

YOU EXPECT ME TO RIDE A SIDE OF BEEF? YOU'RE NUTTIER'N KELSEY'S SNACK JAR!

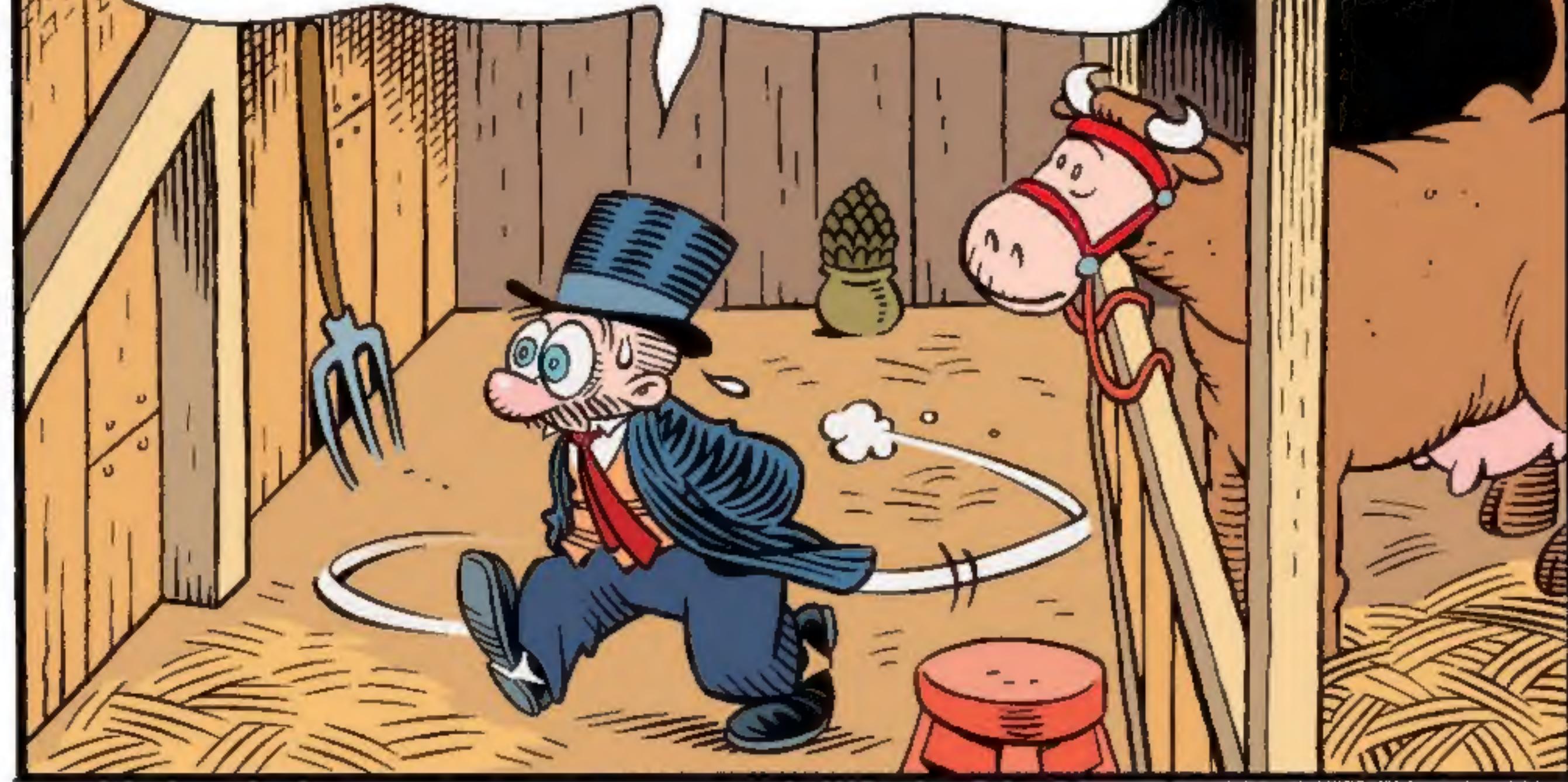


OUT! OUT! I NEED TO THINK AWHILE. GO PLAY WITH THE SQUIRRELS!

THANK YOU TOO MUCH



OH, ME... OH, MY... THIS IS TOO MUCH! THAT NUT HAS LUMBERED ME WITH THE BIGGEST LONG-SHOT SINCE WILLIAM TELL GOT READING GLASSES! I... I GUESS I'LL NEVER SEE OL' SPARKY AGAIN...



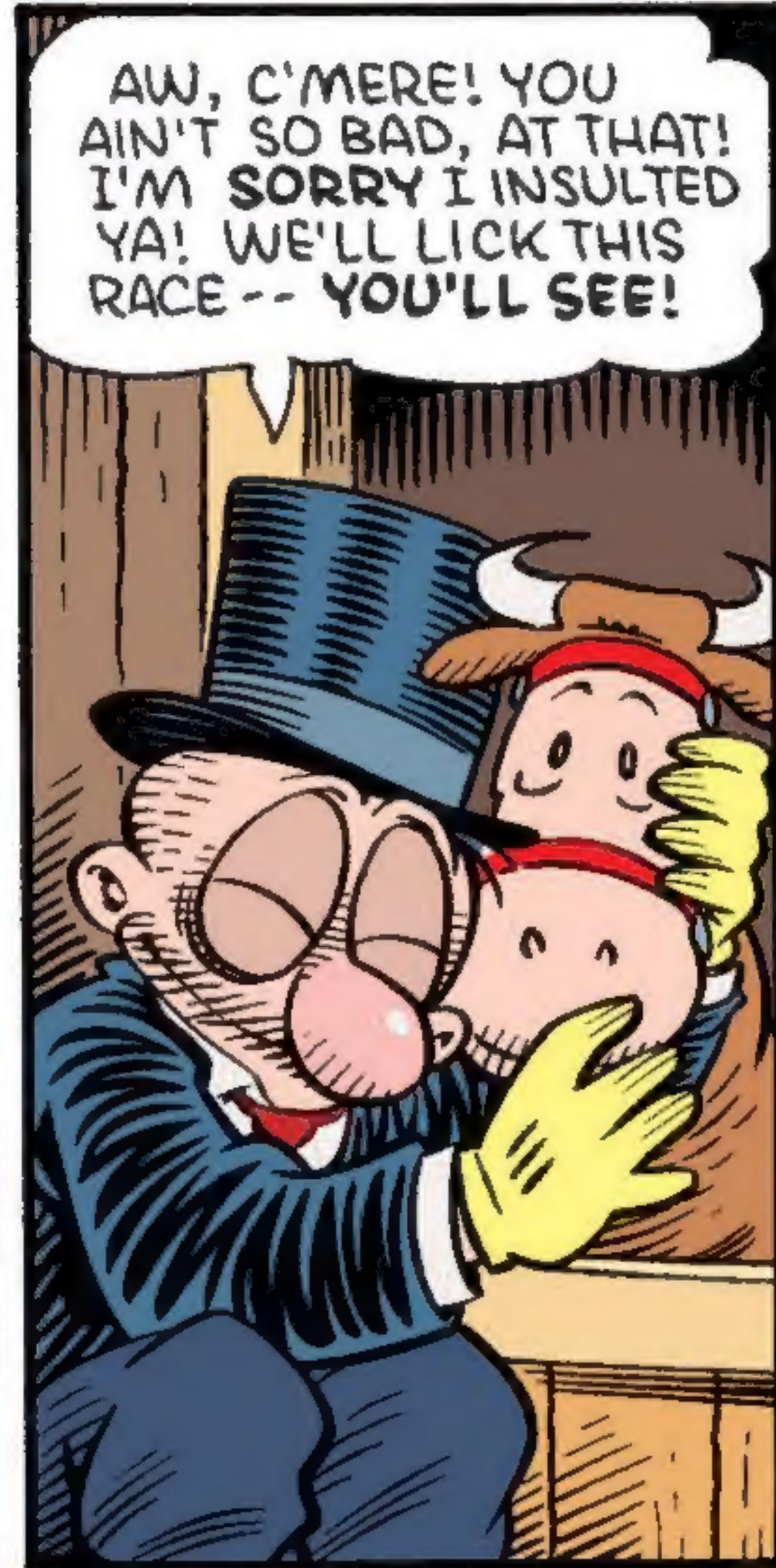
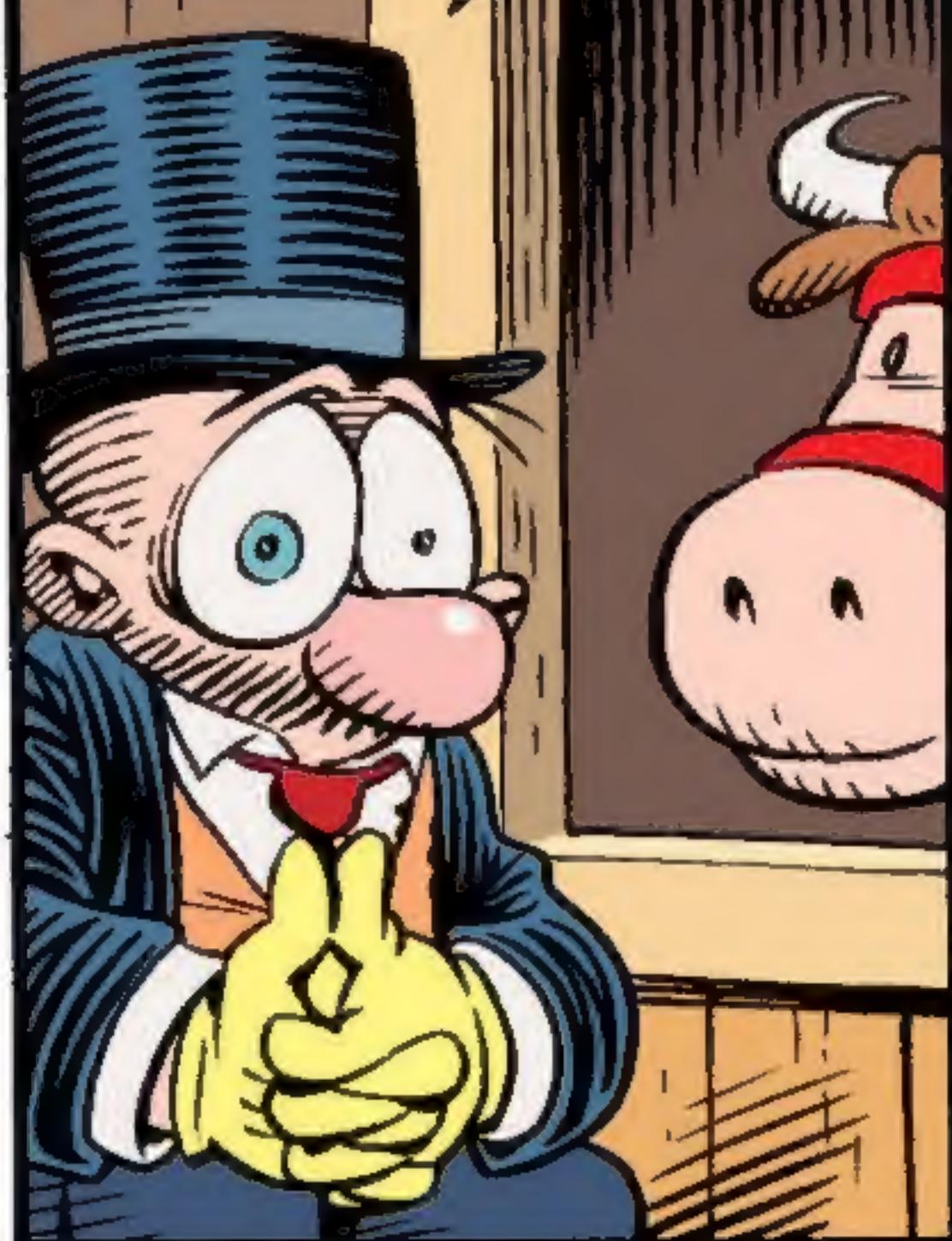
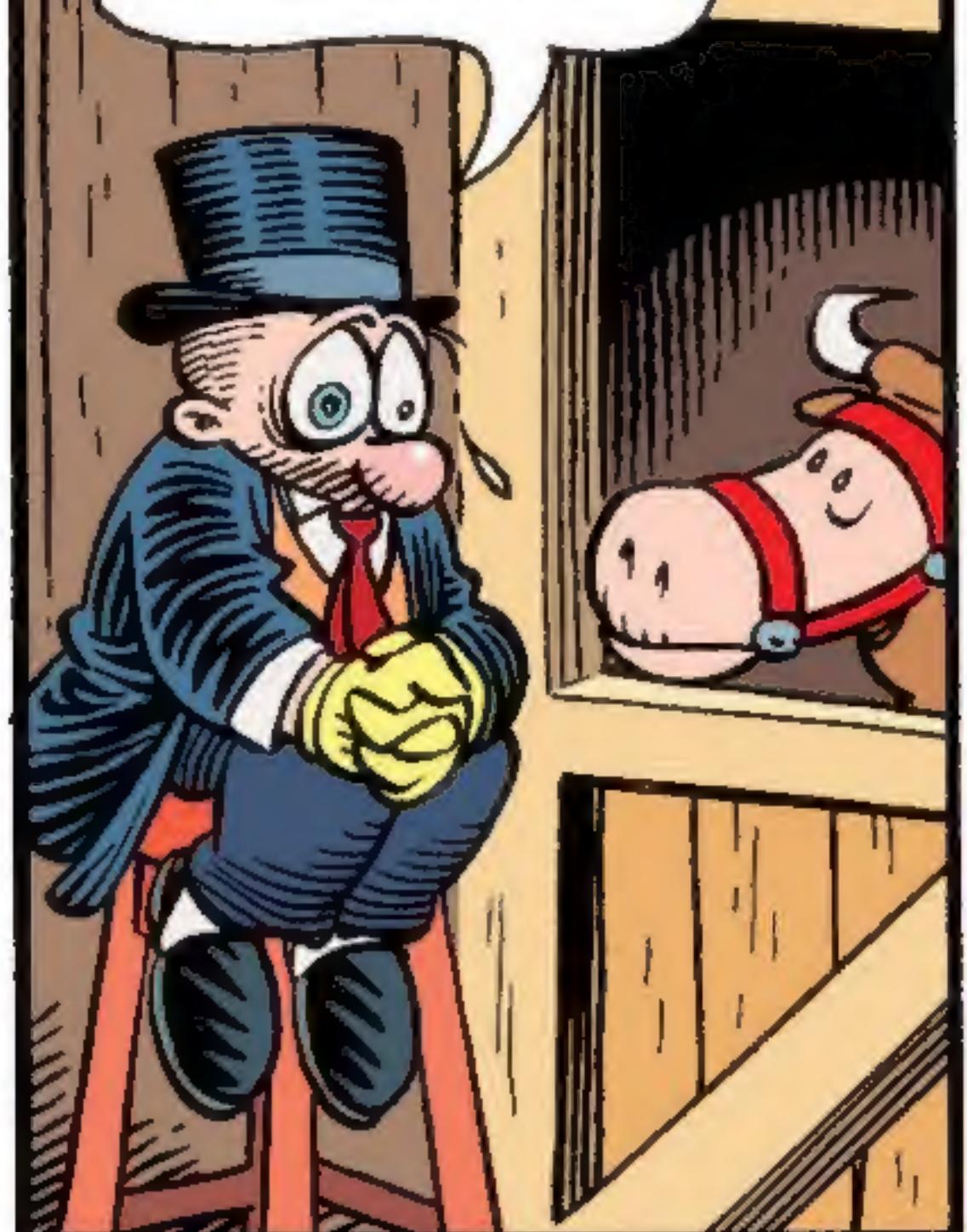
AND ALL BECAUSE I CAN'T RESIST A GAME O' CARDS! MAYBE I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS A GOOD SWIFT KICK. I WAS A WEALTHY MAN ONCE UPON A TIME... BUT I FRITTERED IT ALL AWAY!

FACE IT... I'M SUNK! WHAT'S TO BECOME OF ME NOW...? I'M LOWER'N SEA LEVEL AFTER KING NEPTUNE'S PULLED THE PLUG!

SLU-U-UURPP!

HEY!
WHAT TH'--?

AW, C'MERE! YOU AIN'T SO BAD, AT THAT! I'M SORRY I INSULTED YA! WE'LL LICK THIS RACE -- YOU'LL SEE!

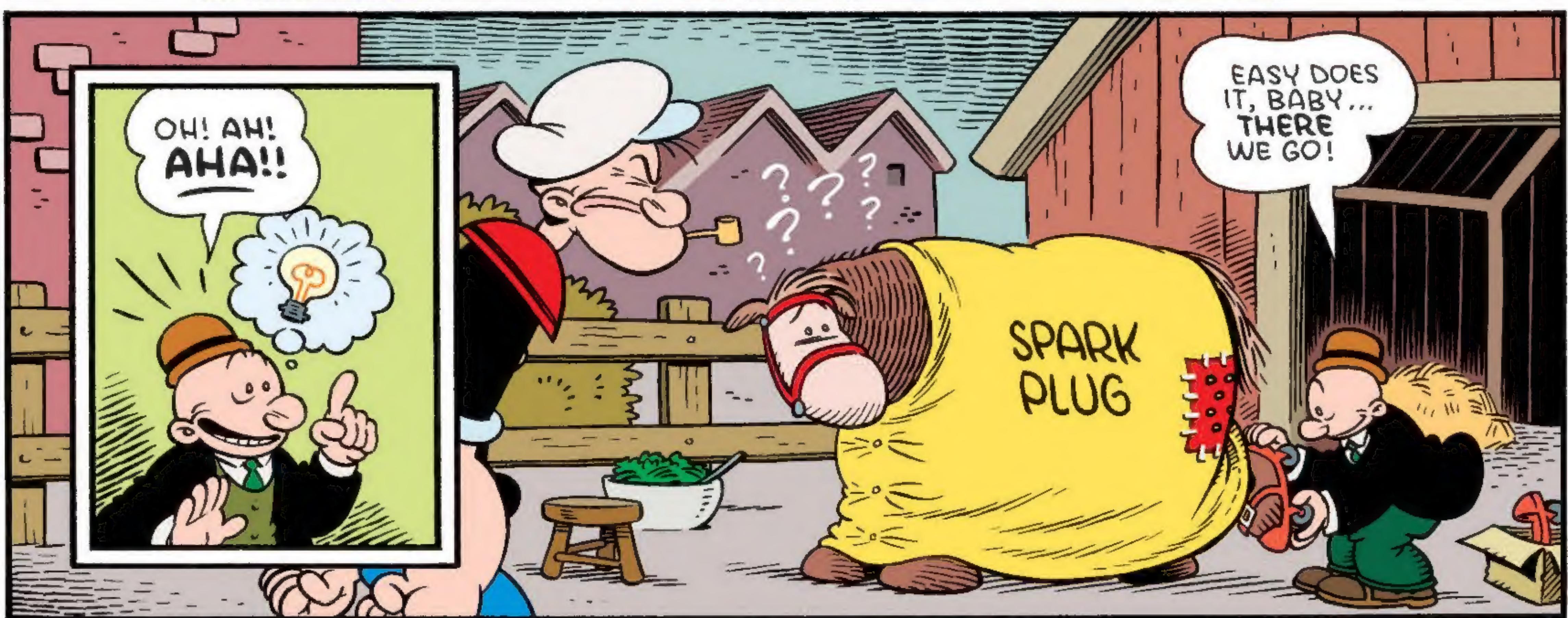
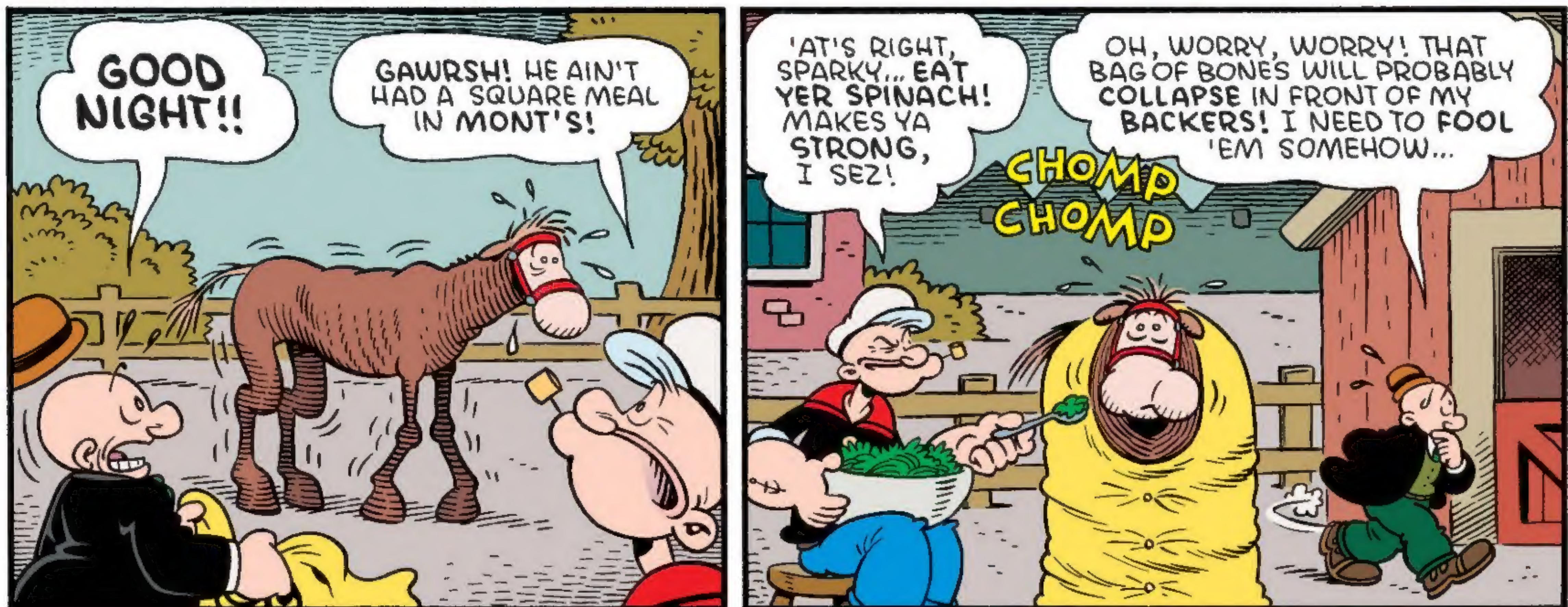
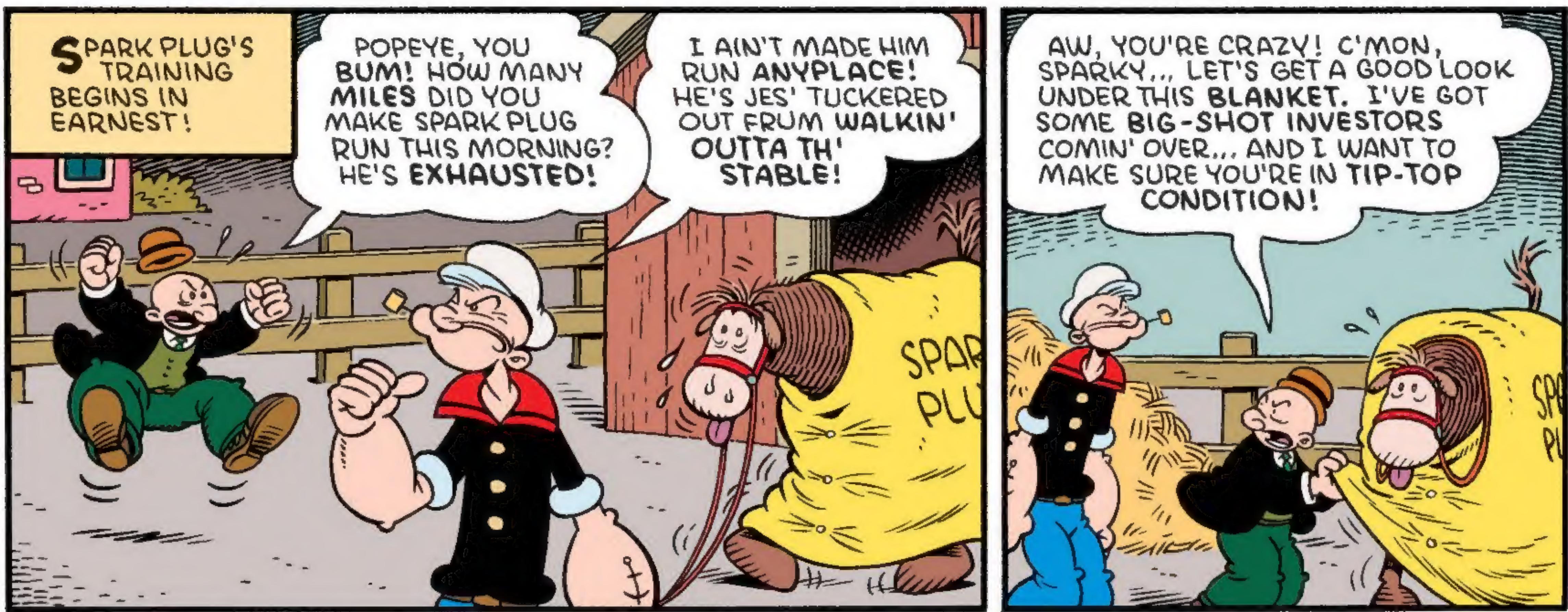


WELL?

WE'RE CALLIN'
HER "DYNAH MOO!"

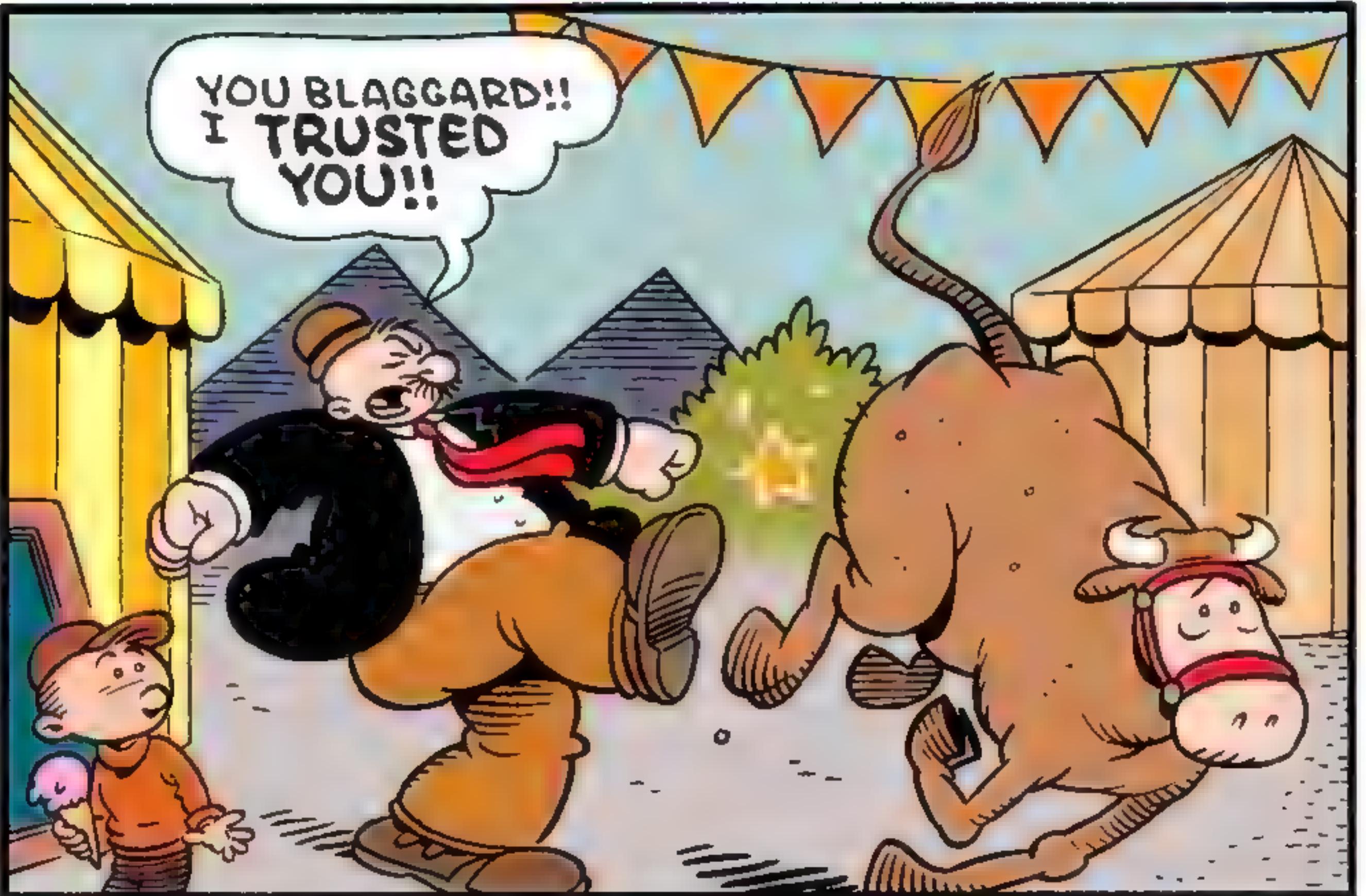
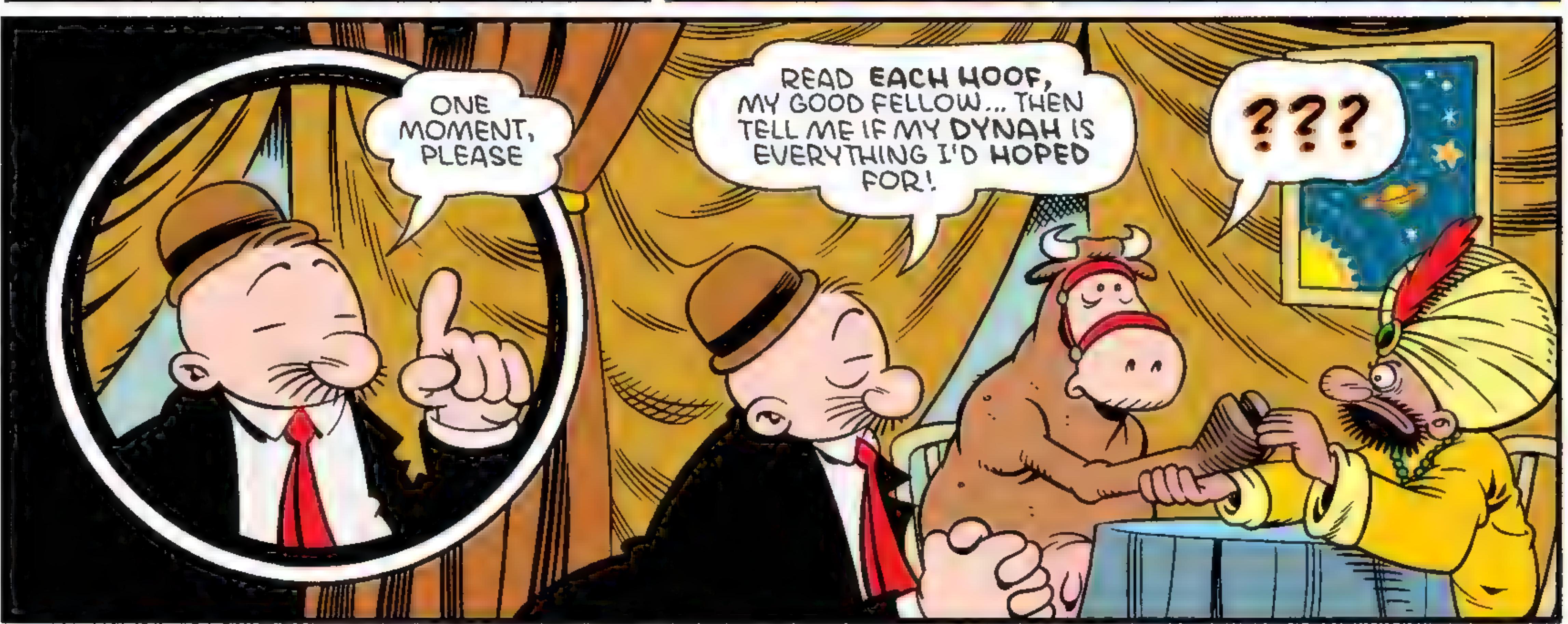
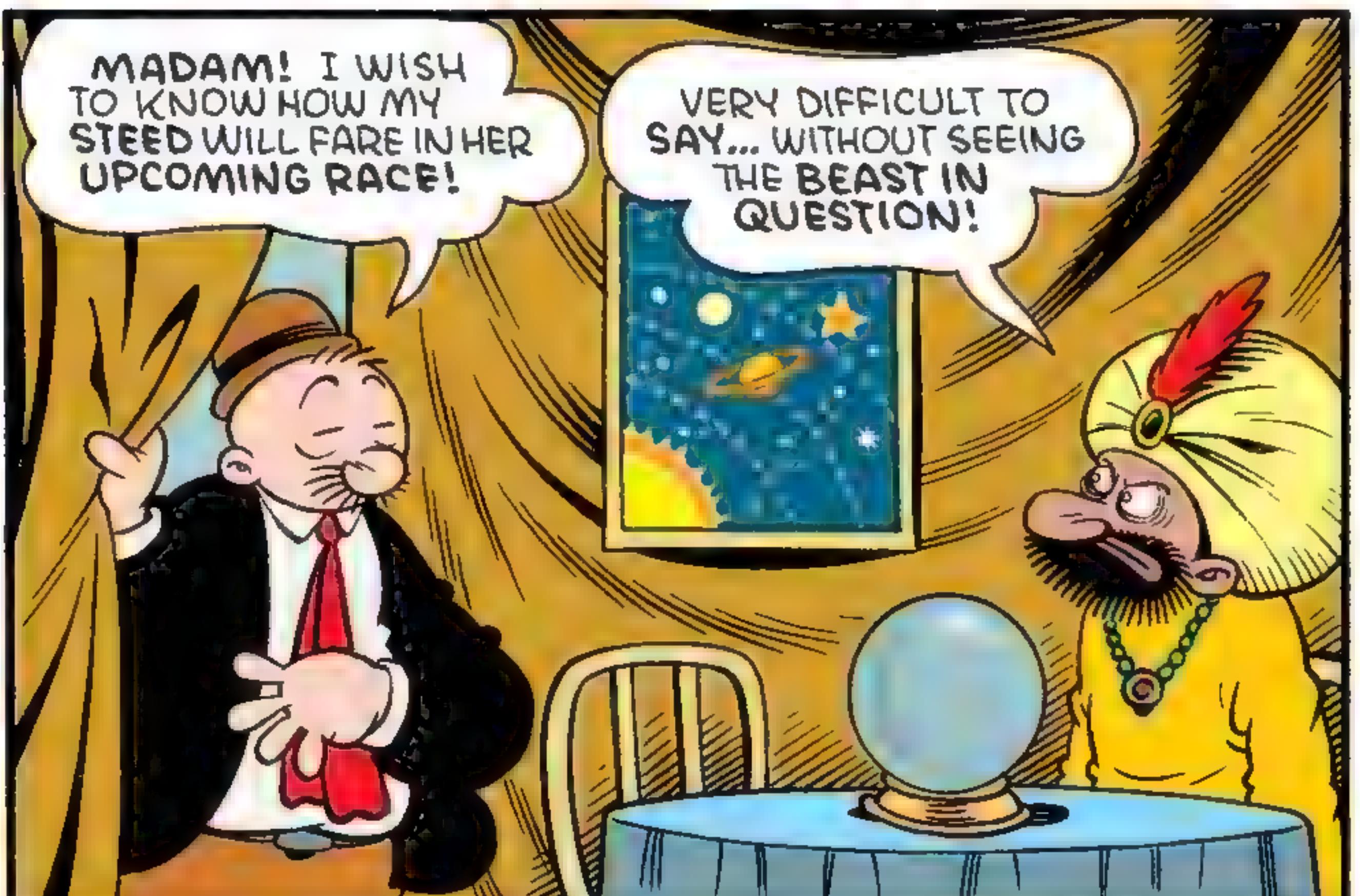
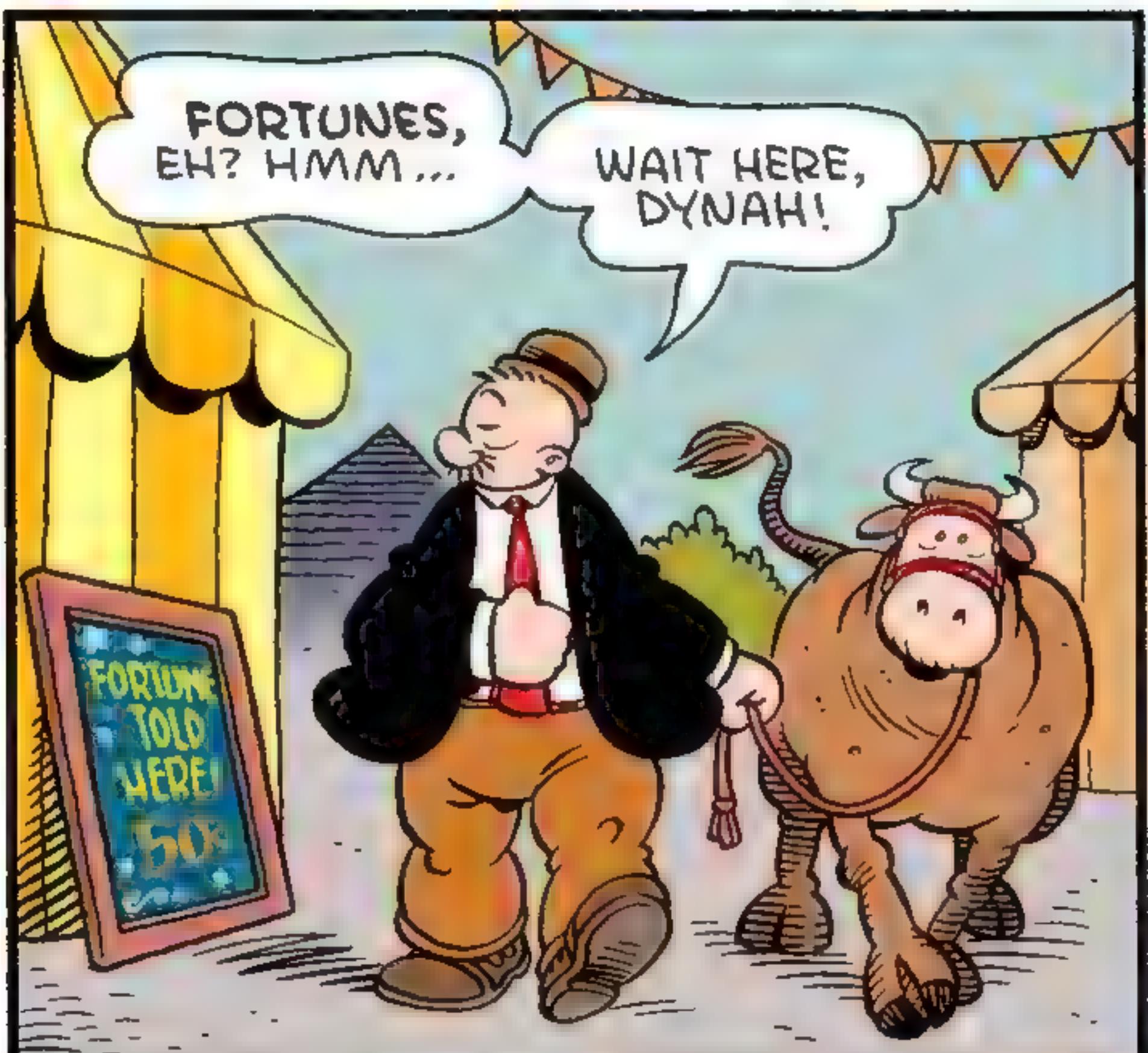
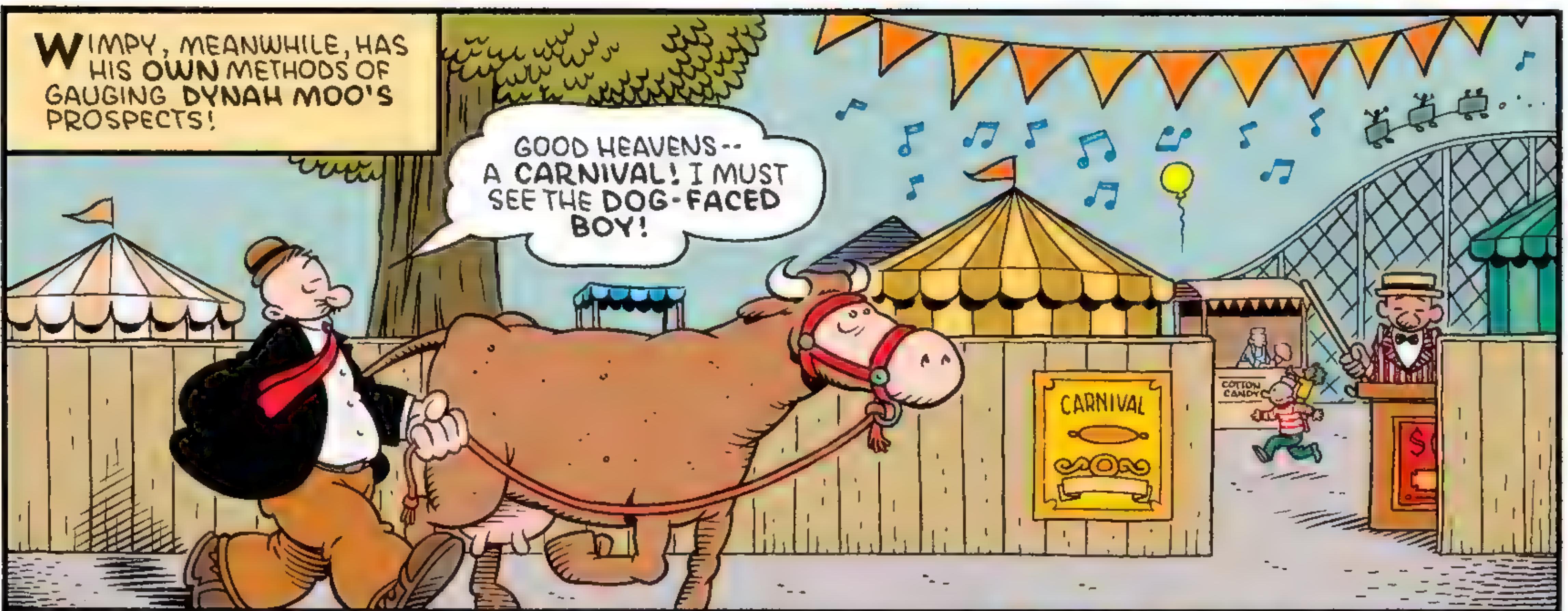
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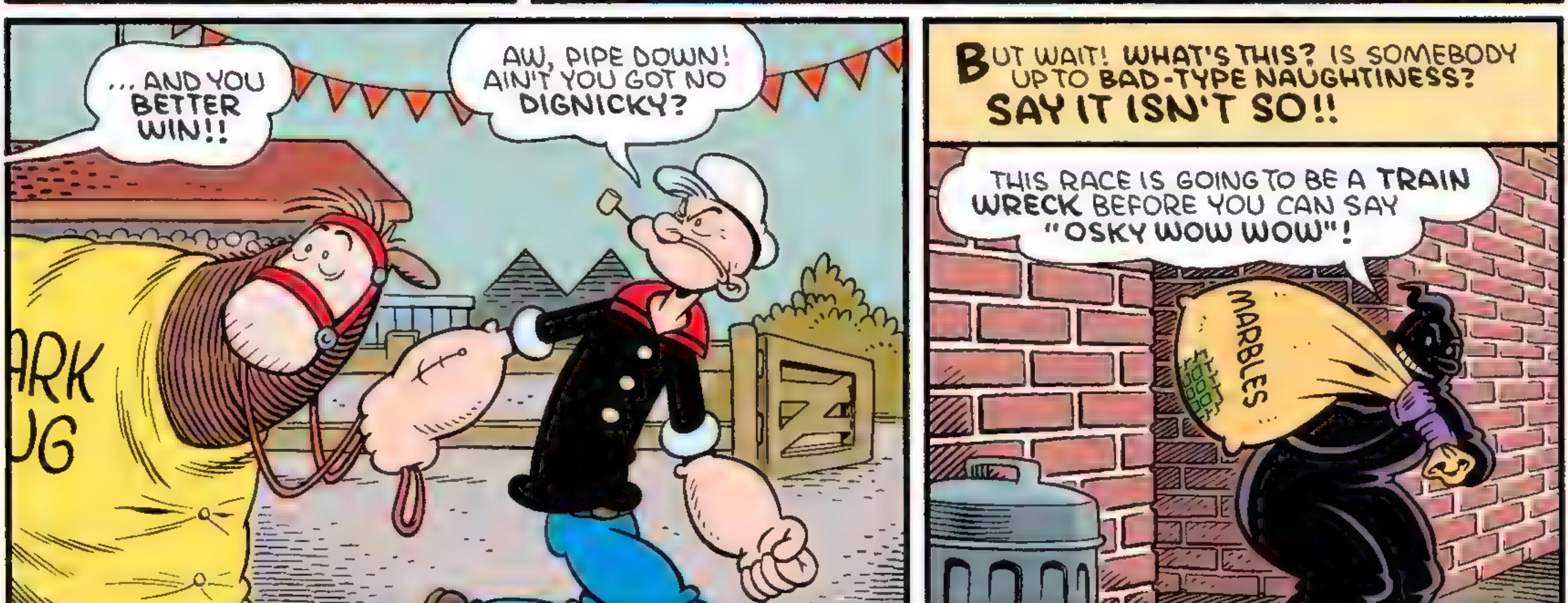
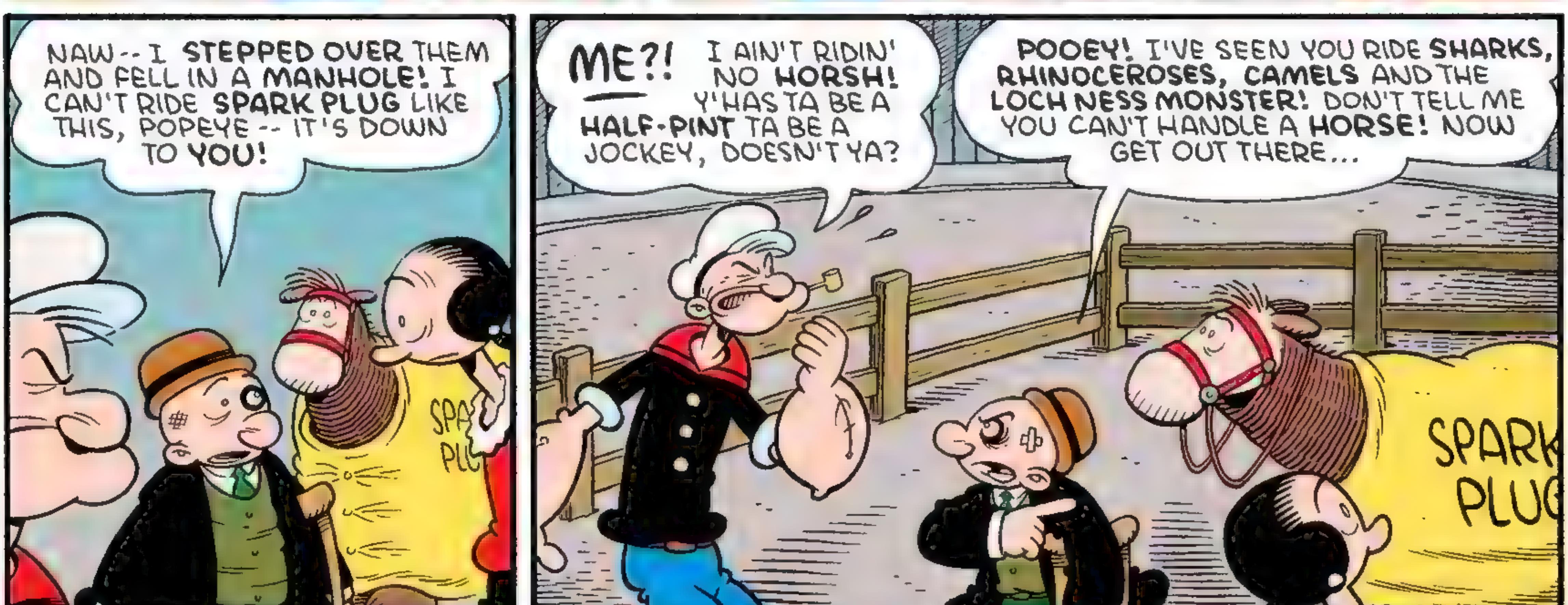
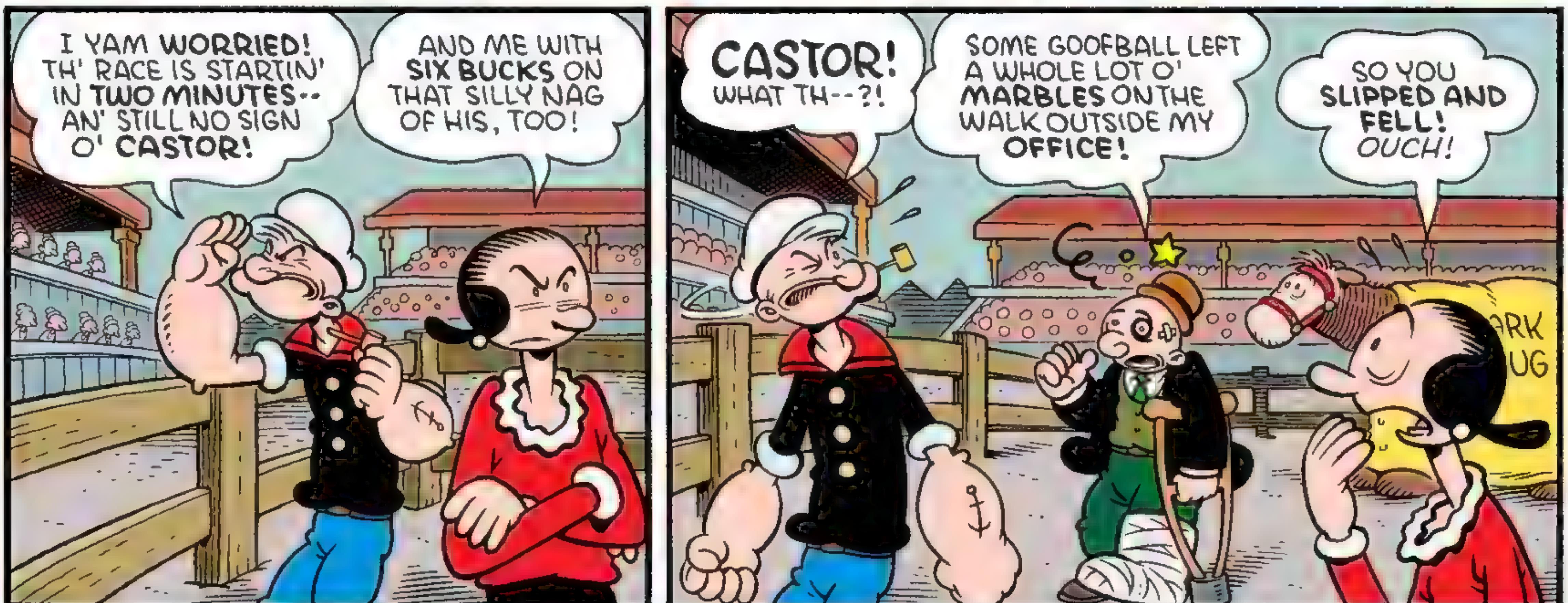
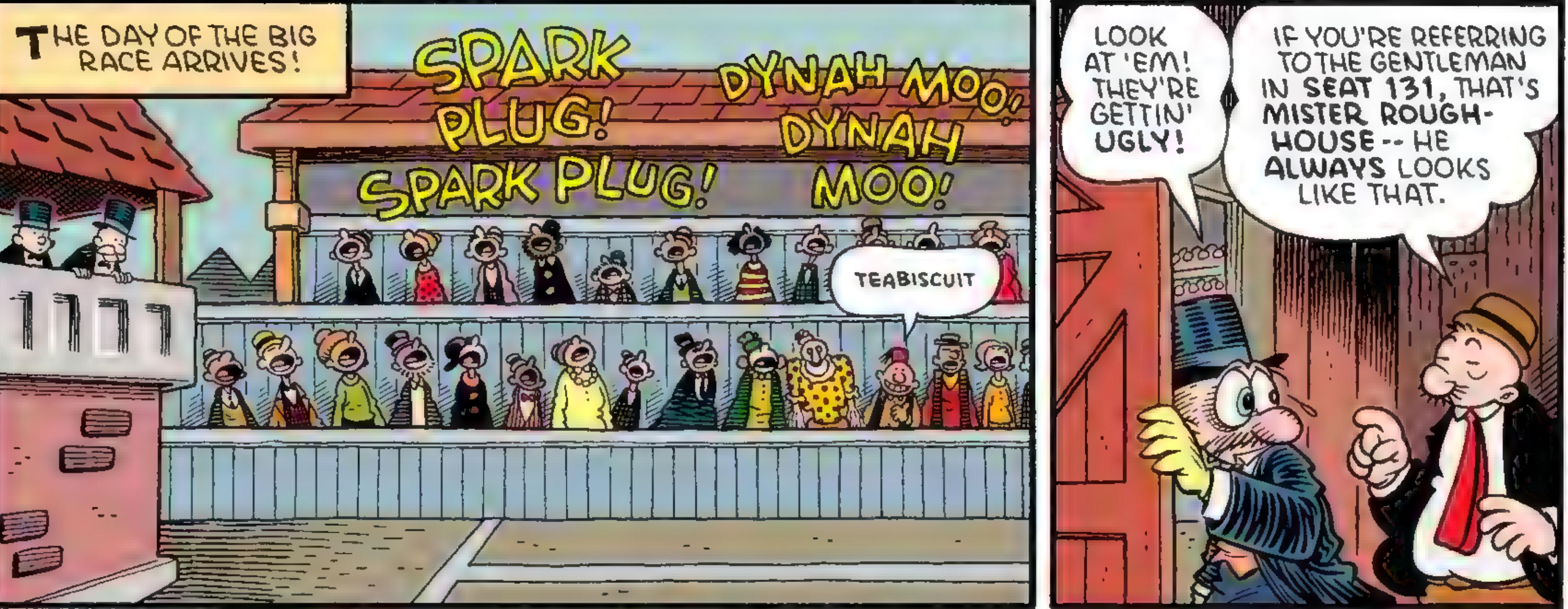




WIMPY, MEANWHILE, HAS HIS OWN METHODS OF GAUGING DYNNAH MOO'S PROSPECTS!

GOOD HEAVENS--
A CARNIVAL! I MUST SEE THE DOG-FACED BOY!



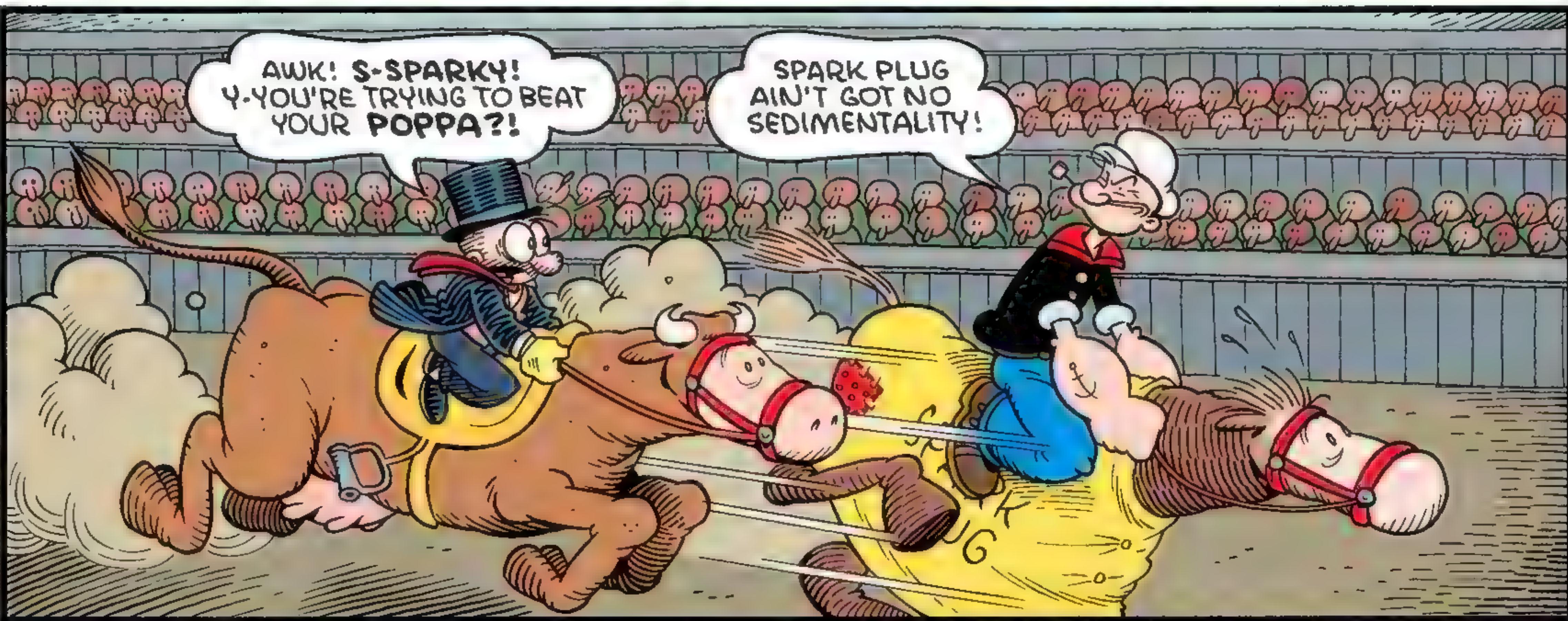
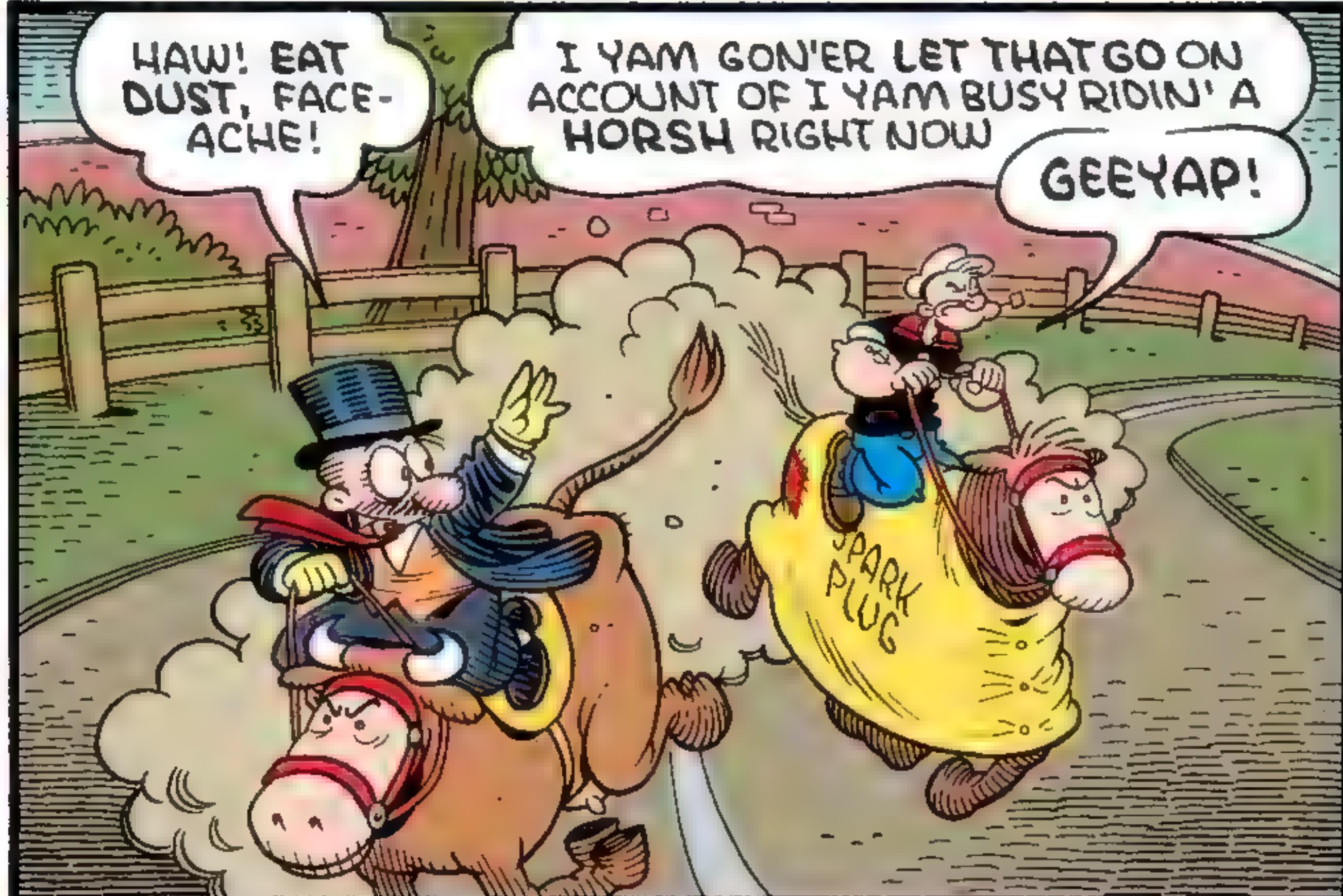
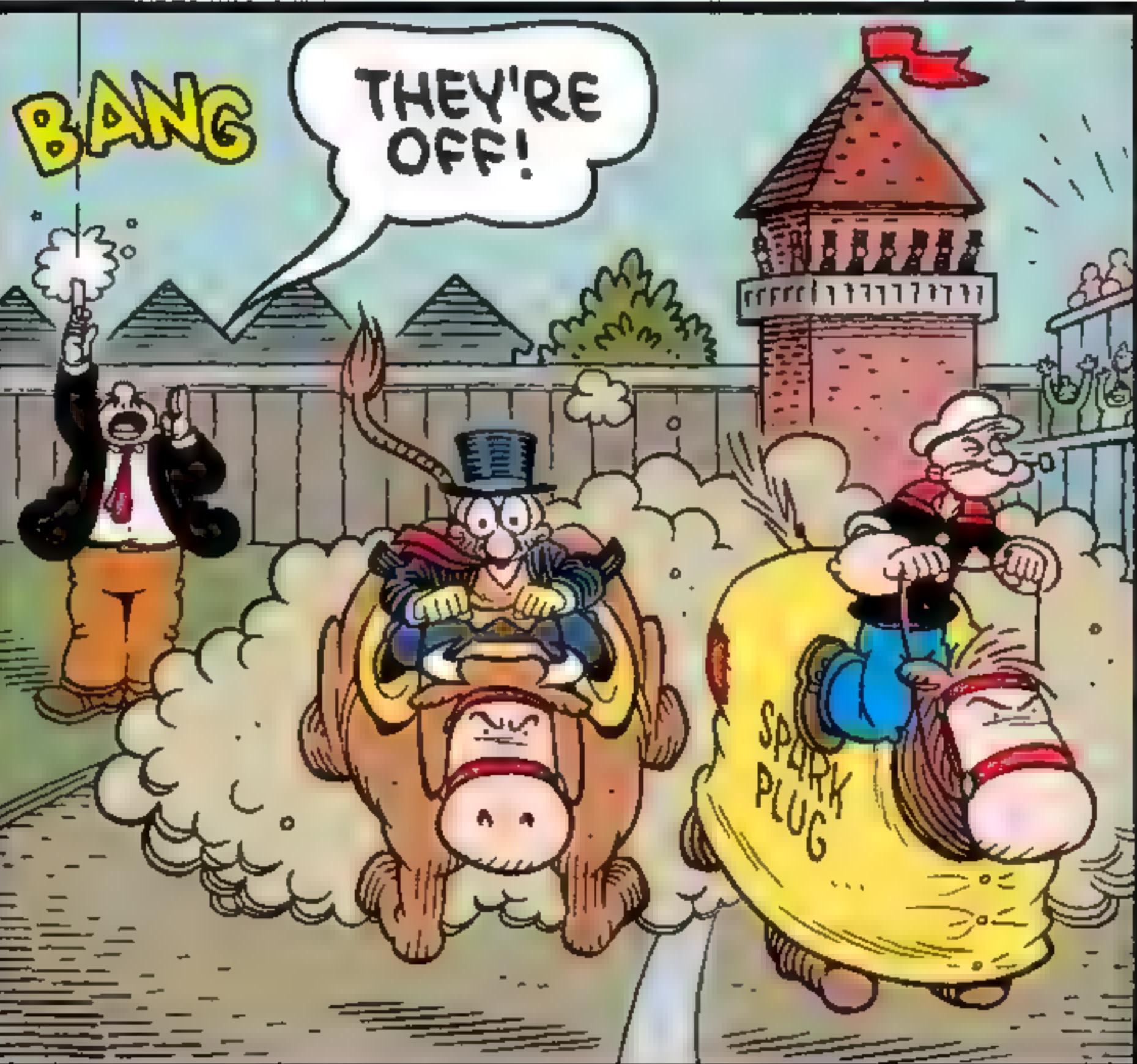
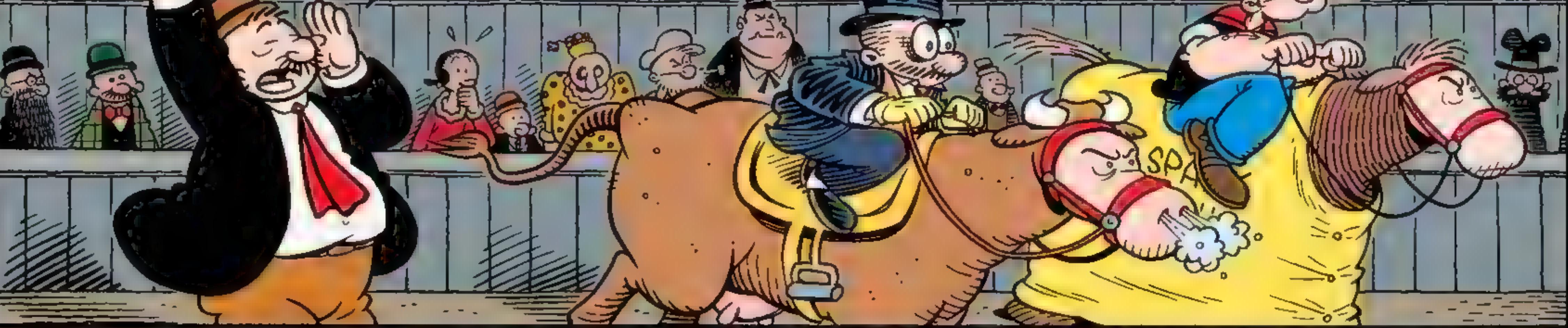


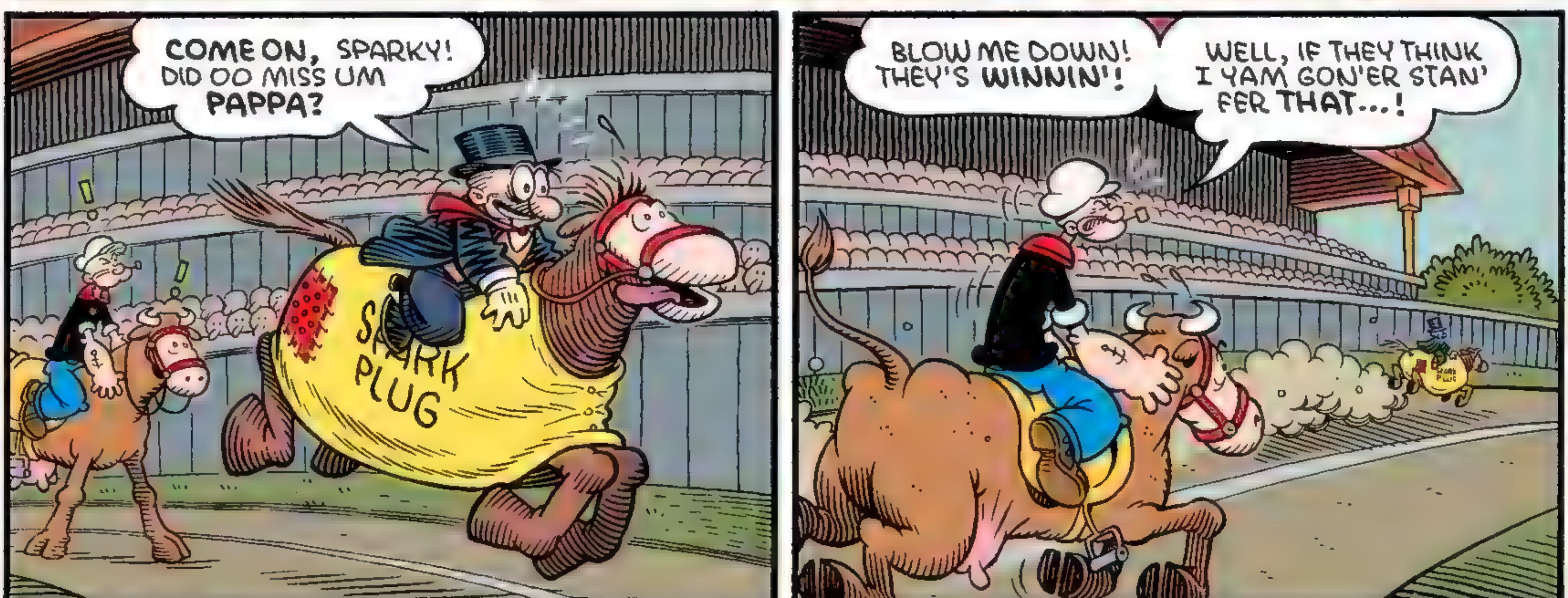
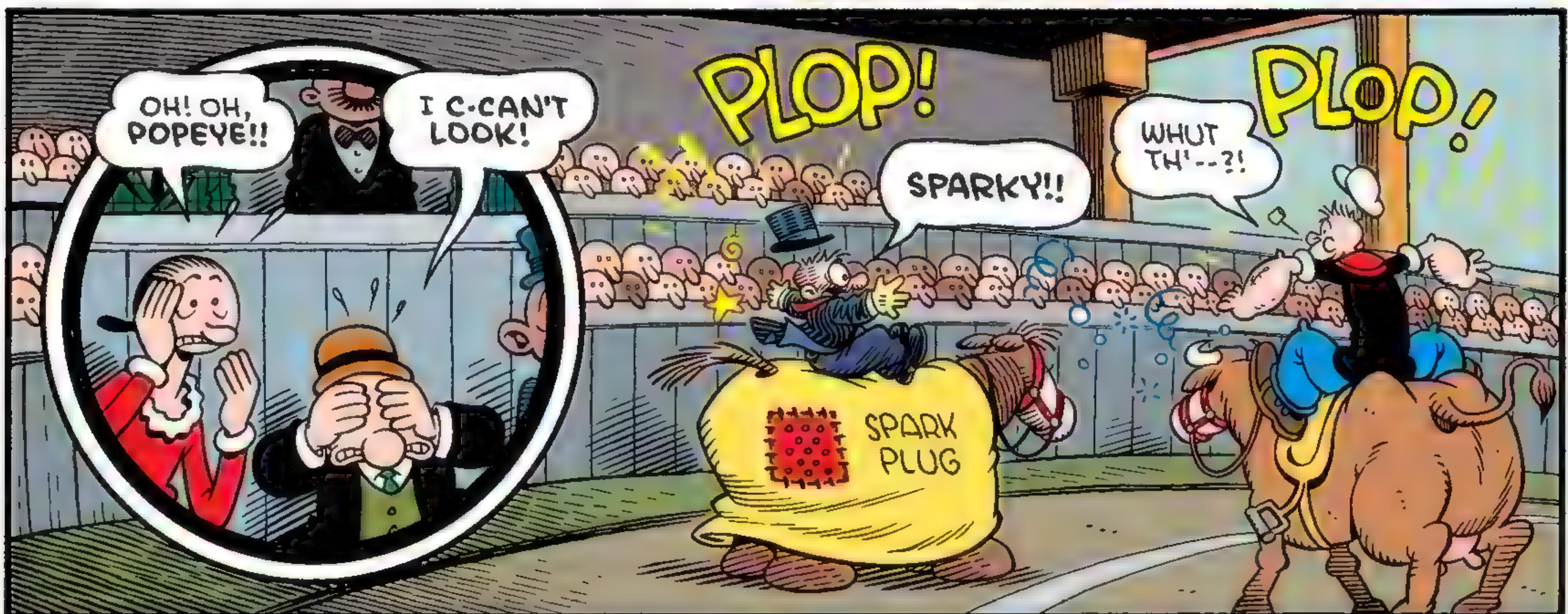
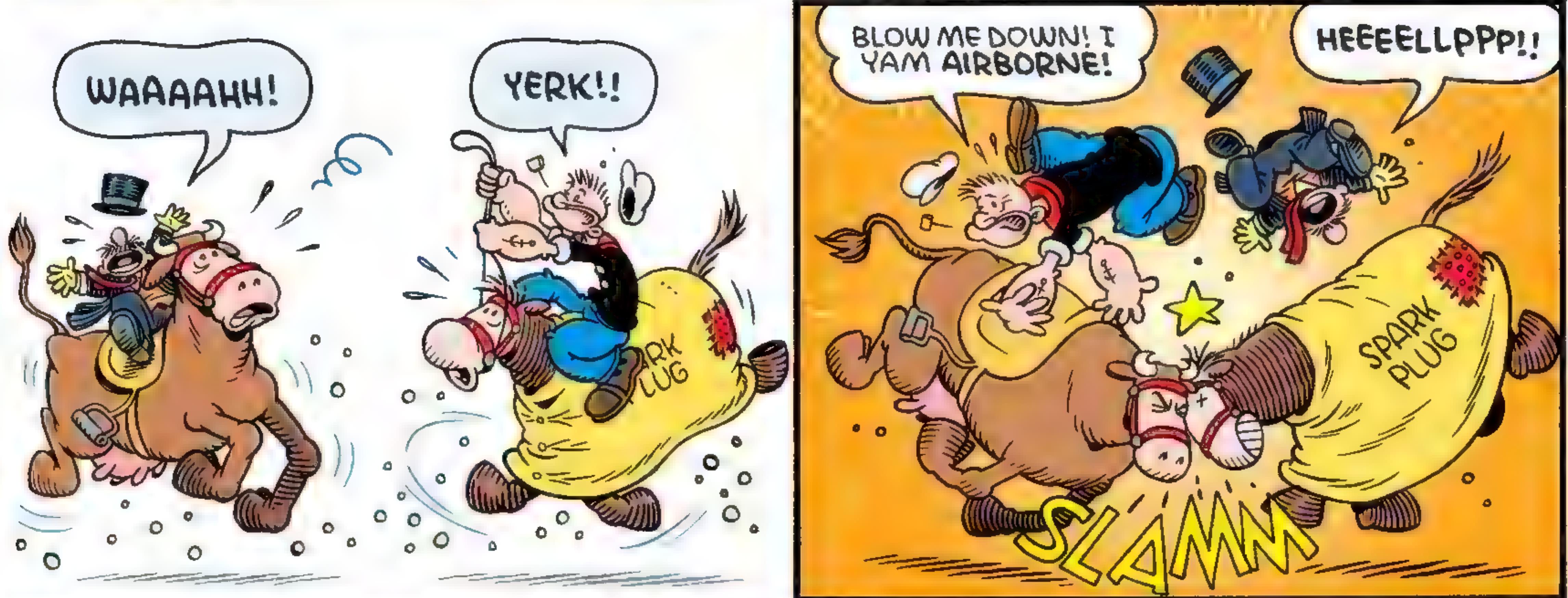
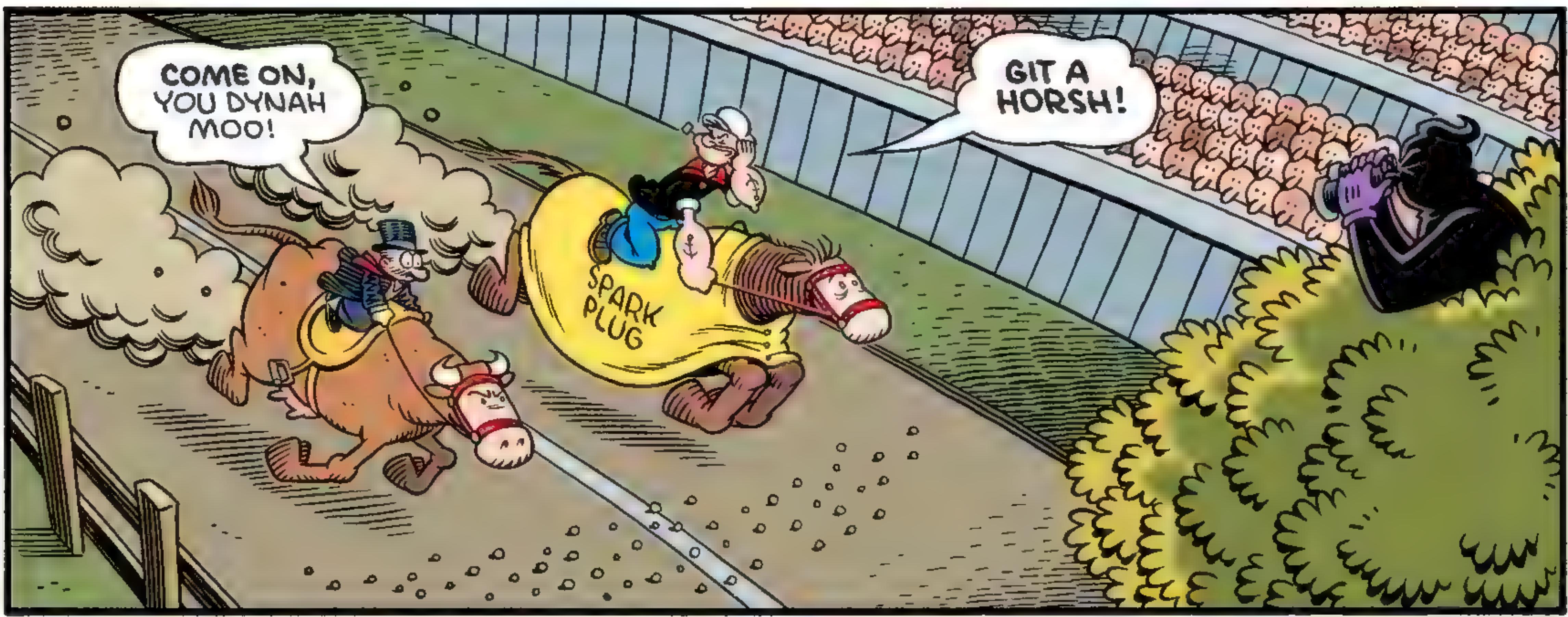
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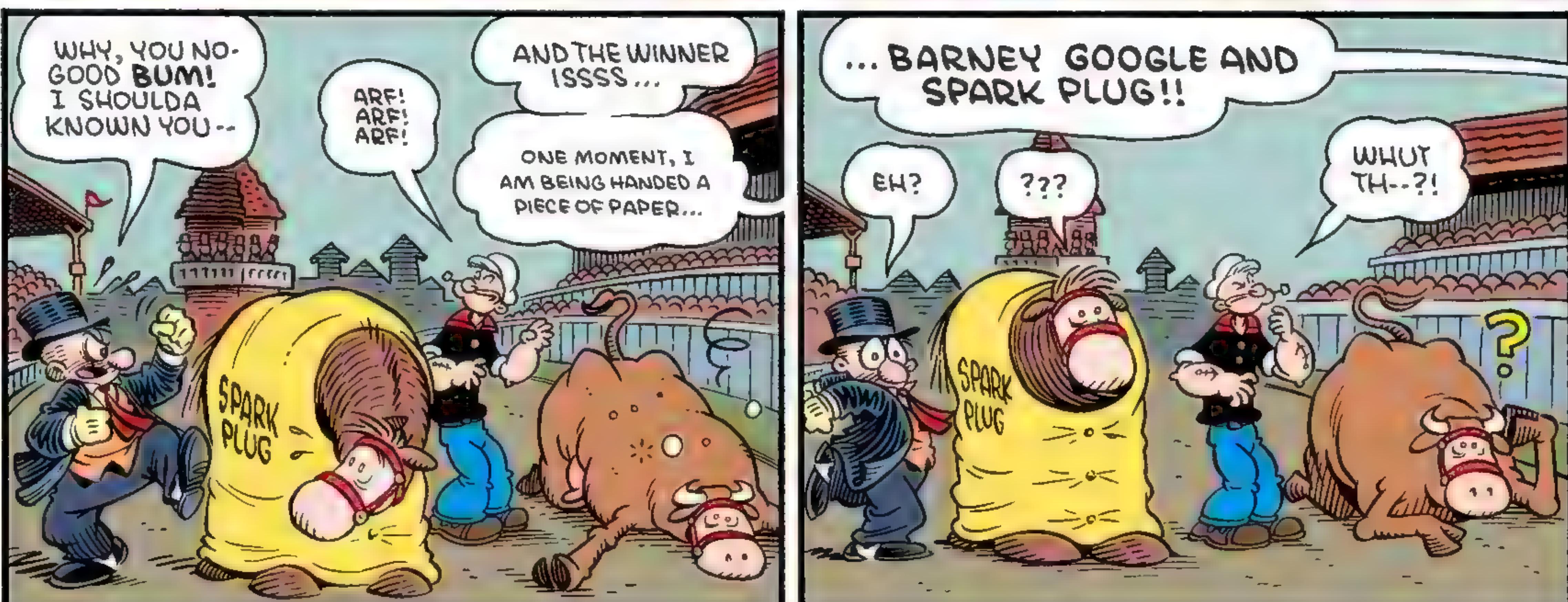
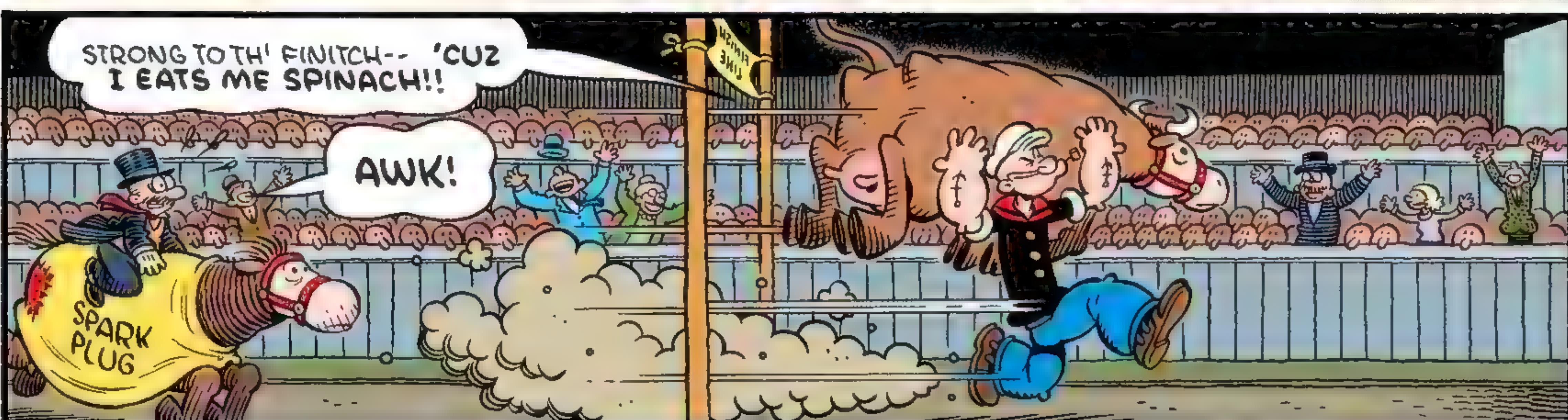
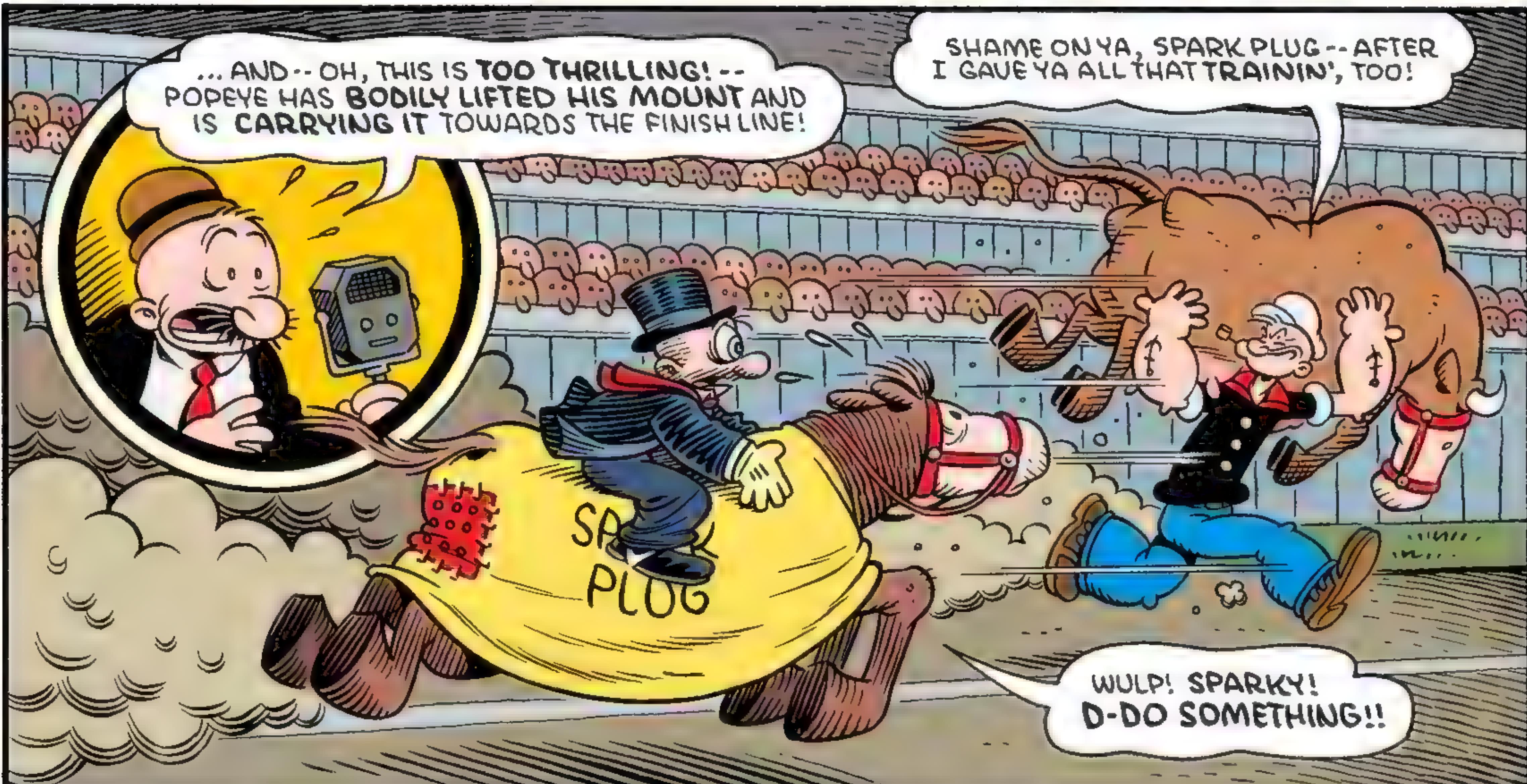
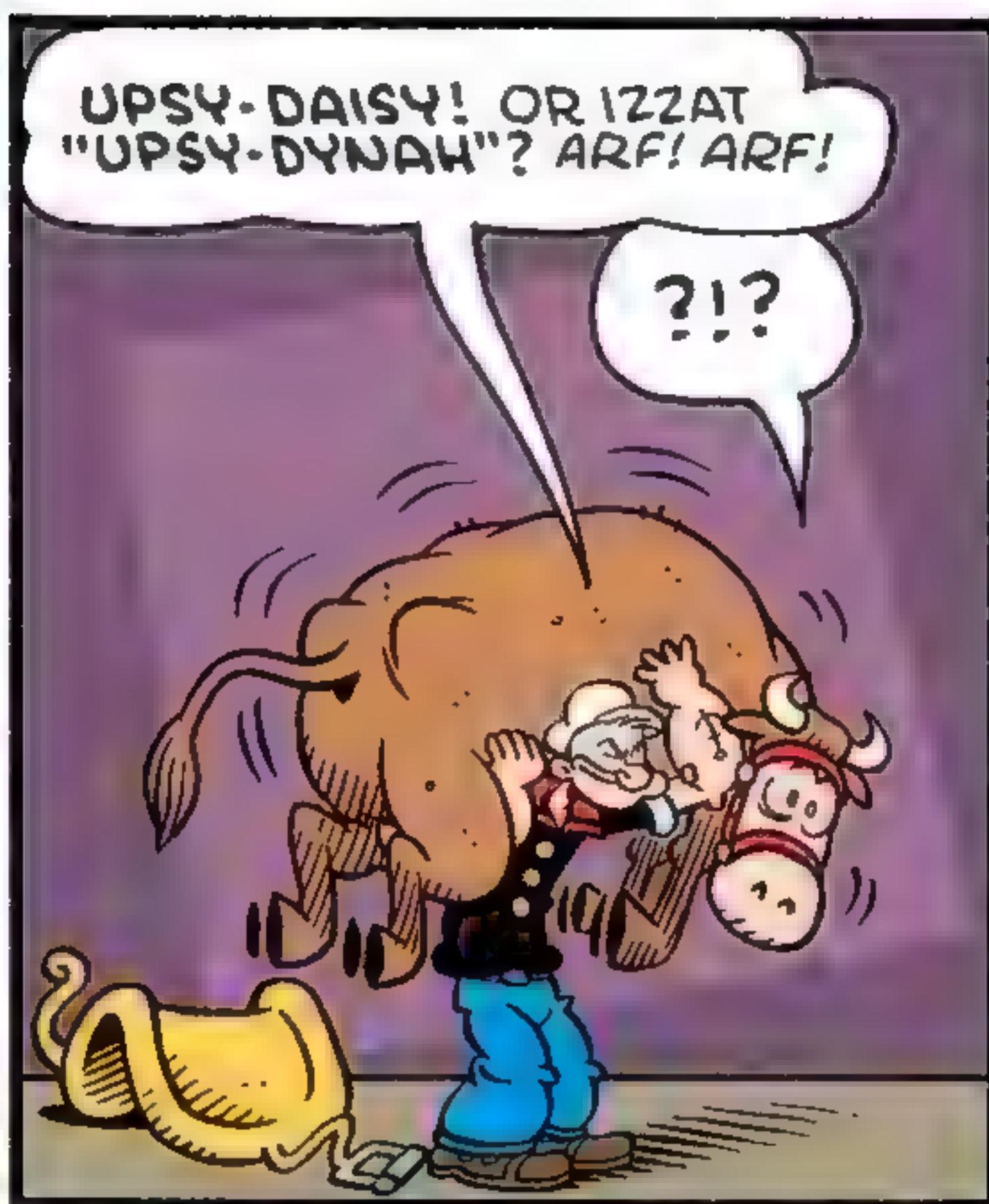
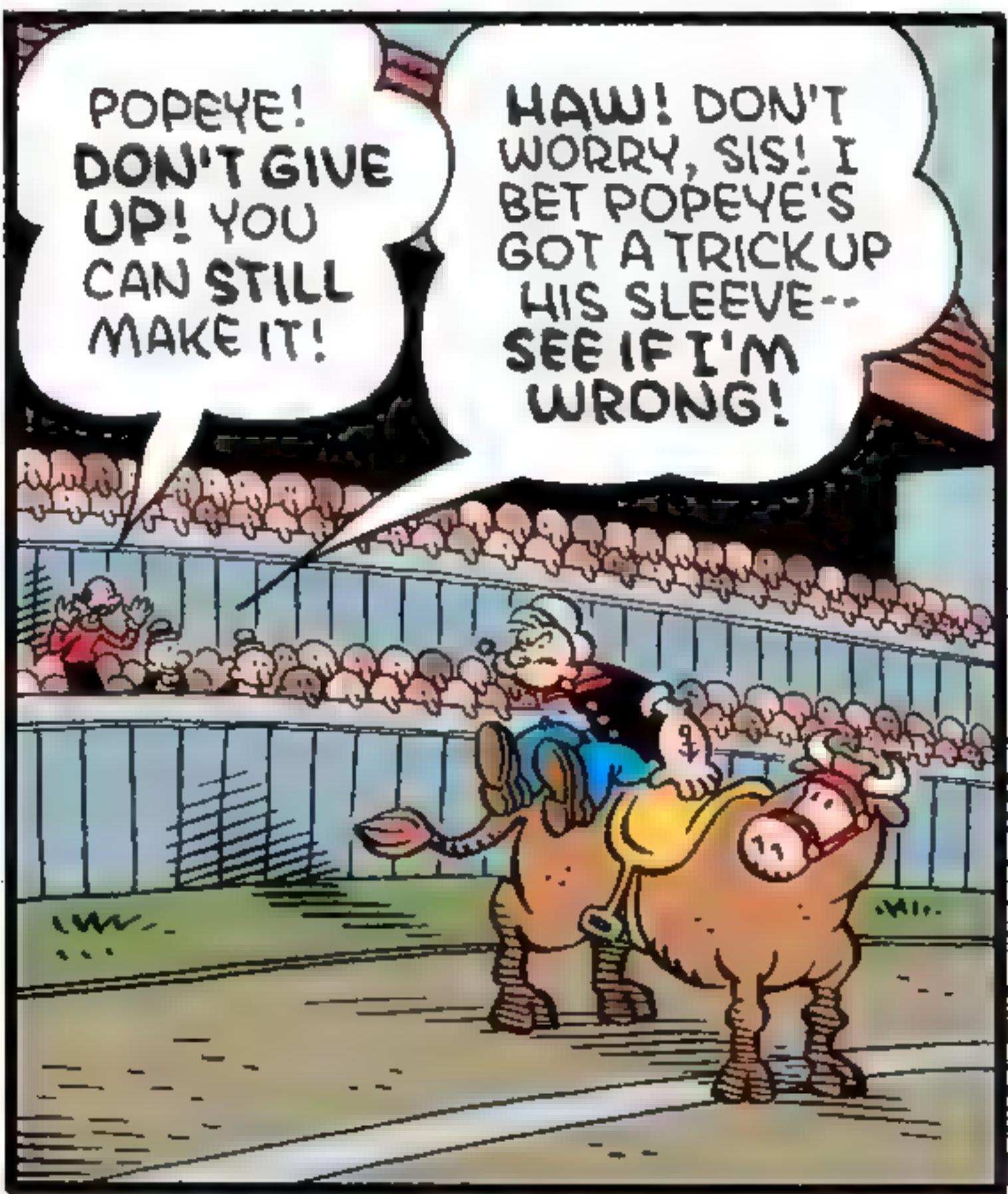
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE
TO ANNOUNCE THAT--AHEM...

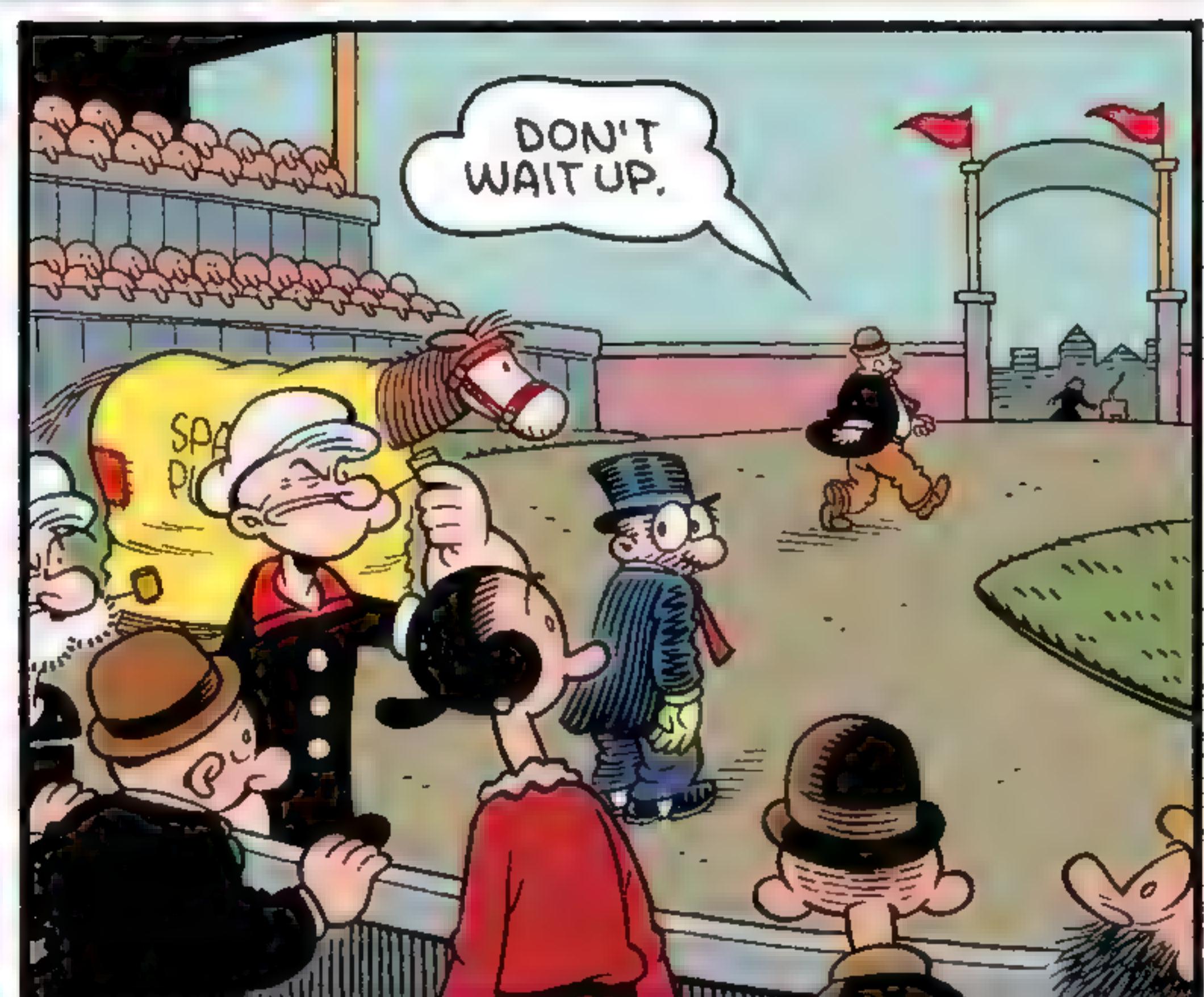
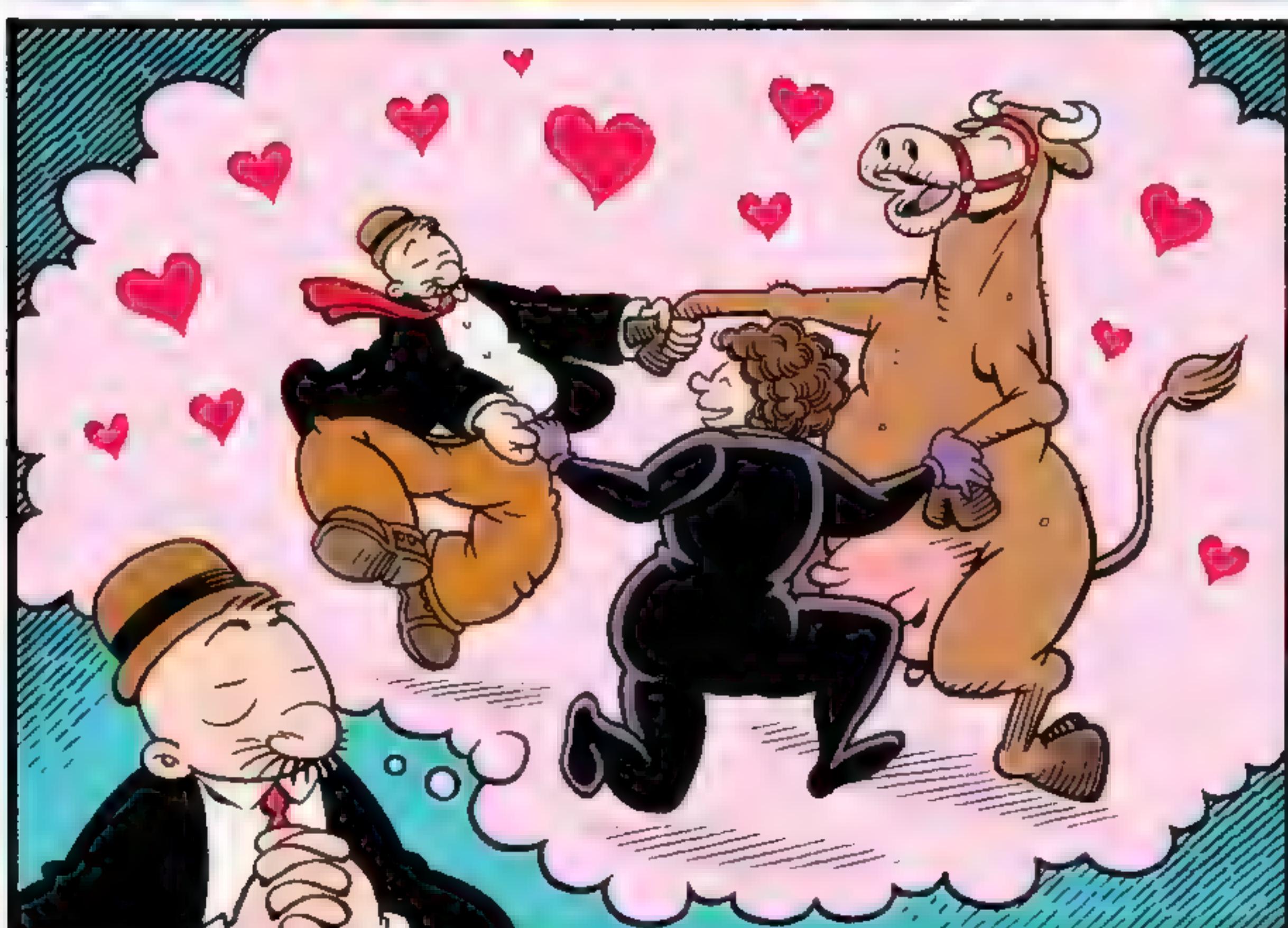
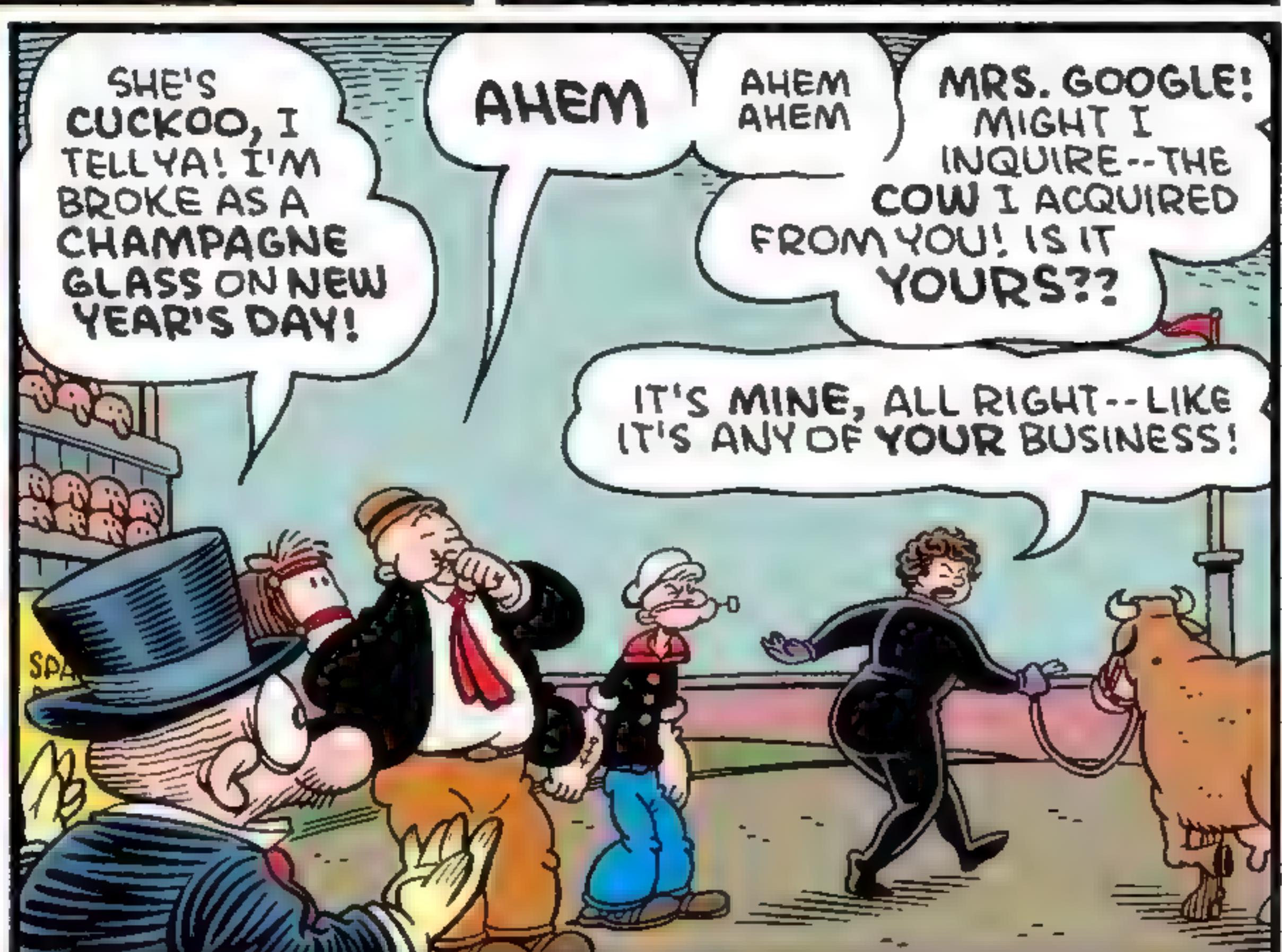
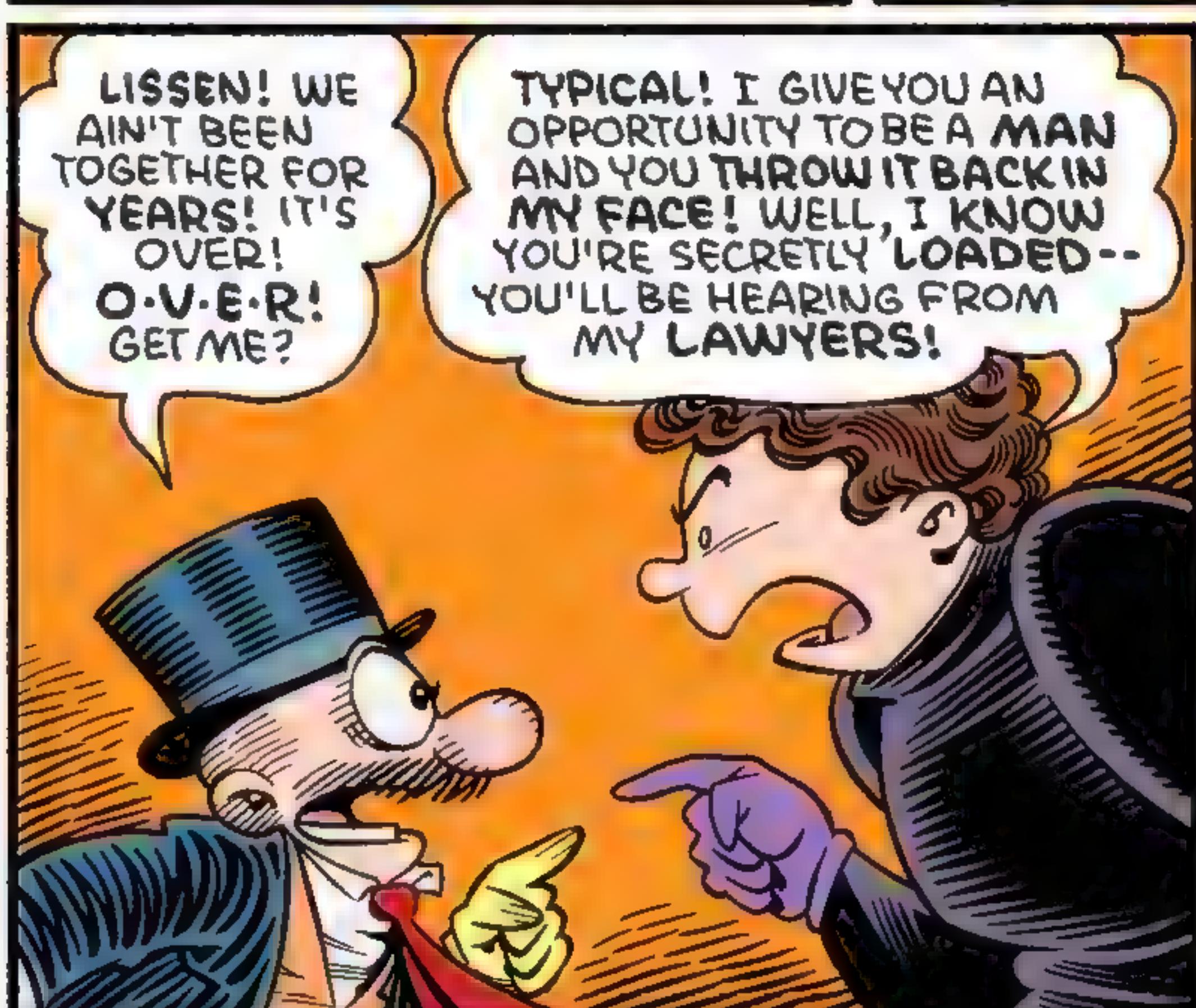
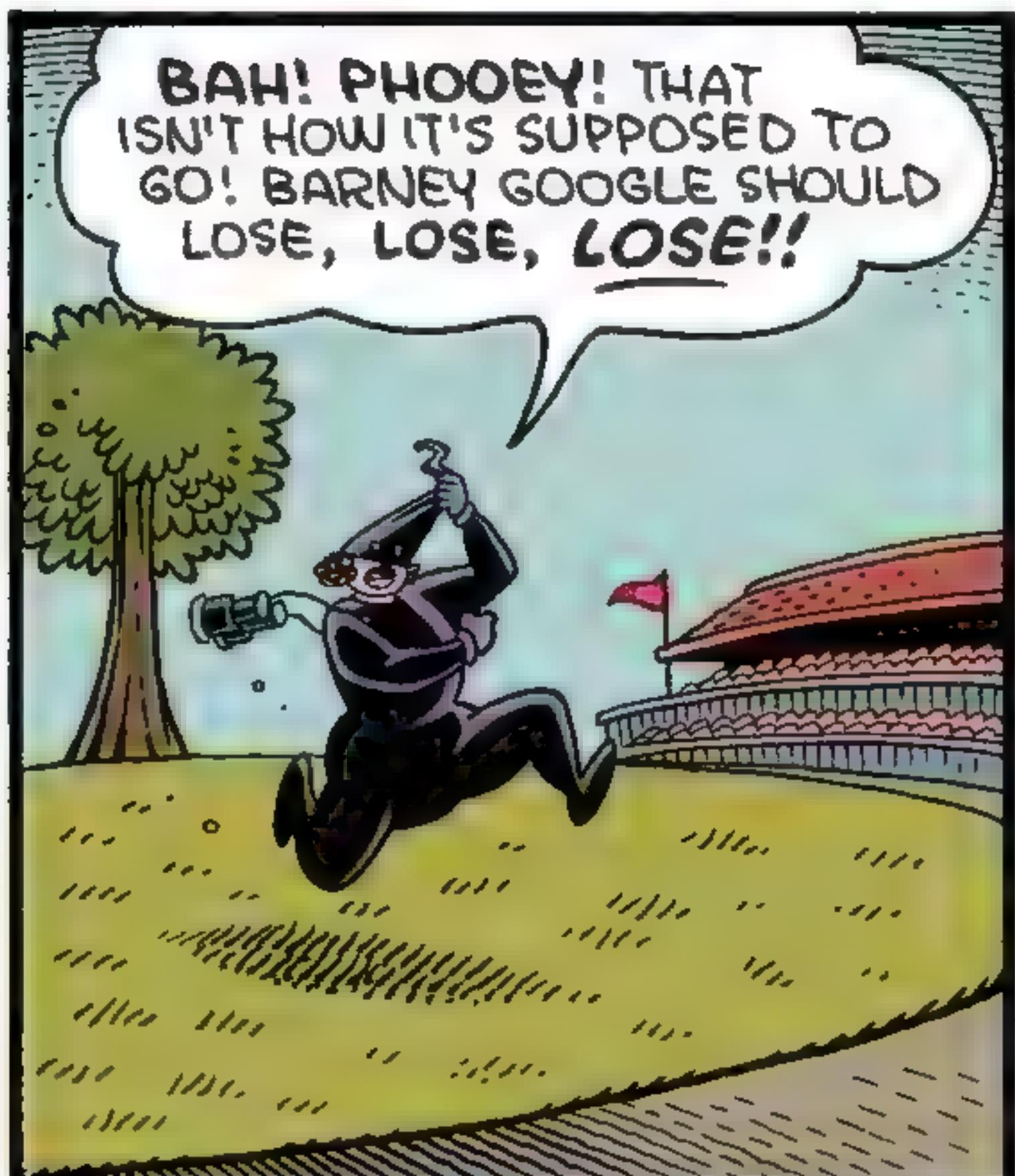
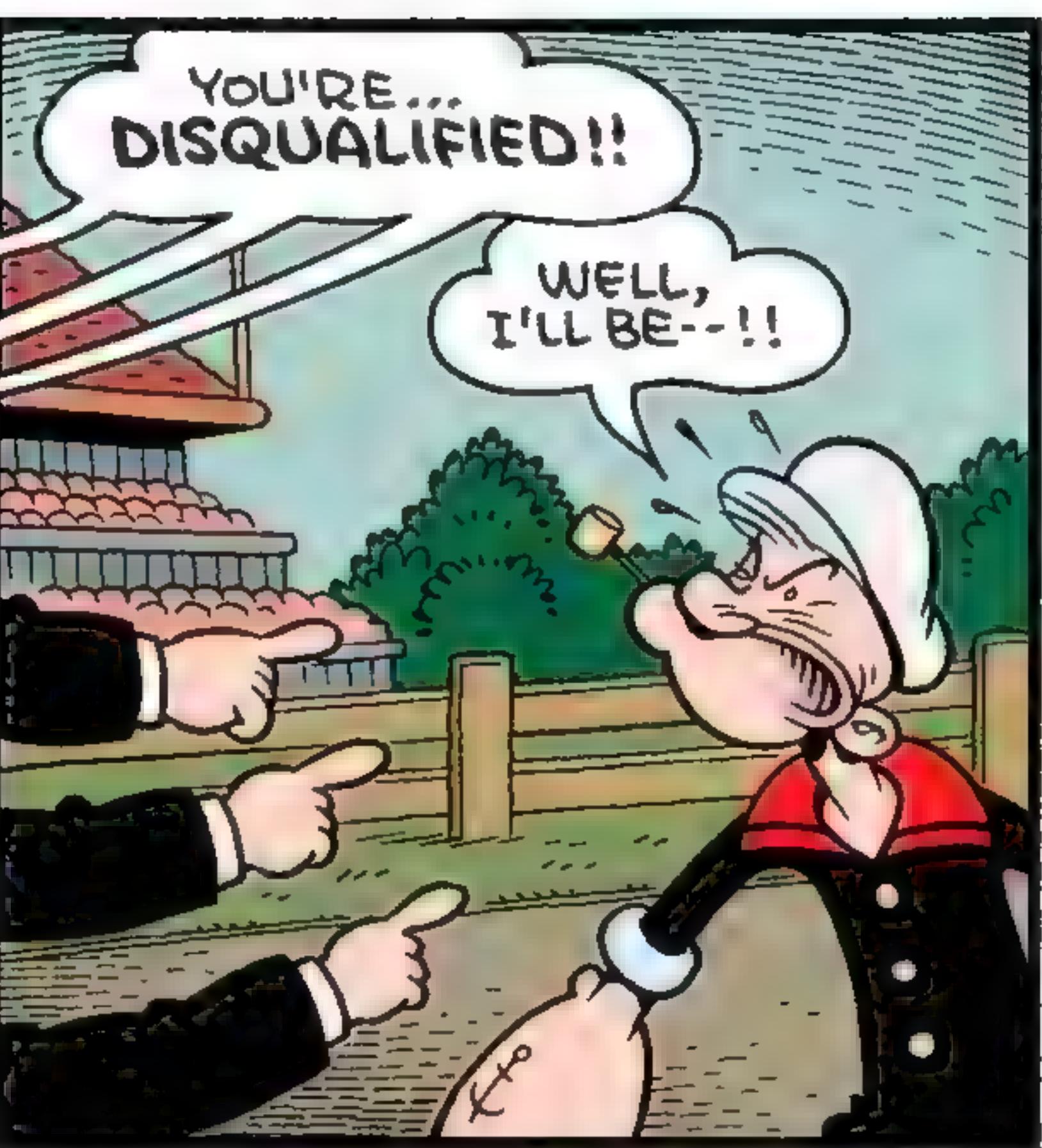
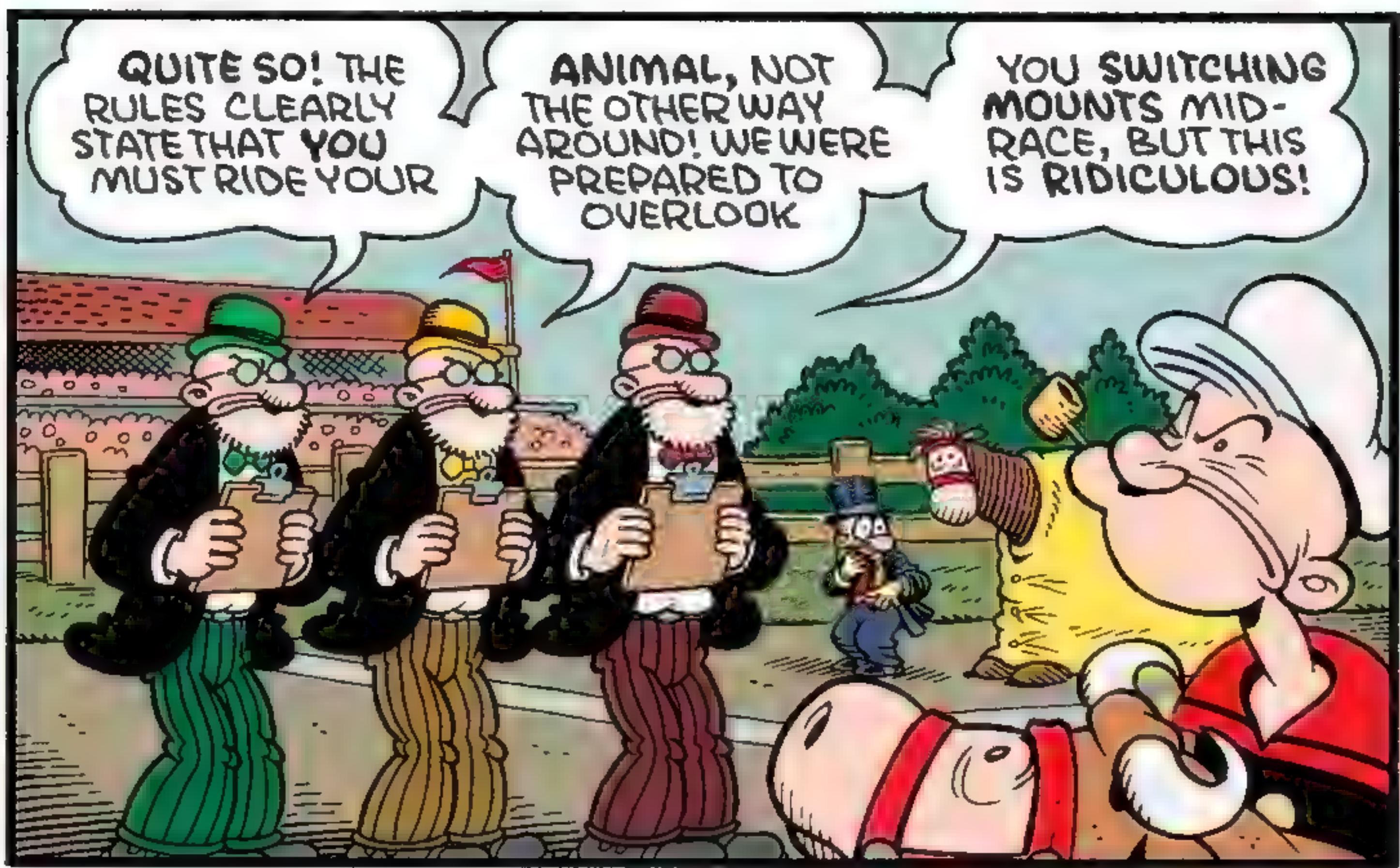
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WIMPY IS YOUR RACING
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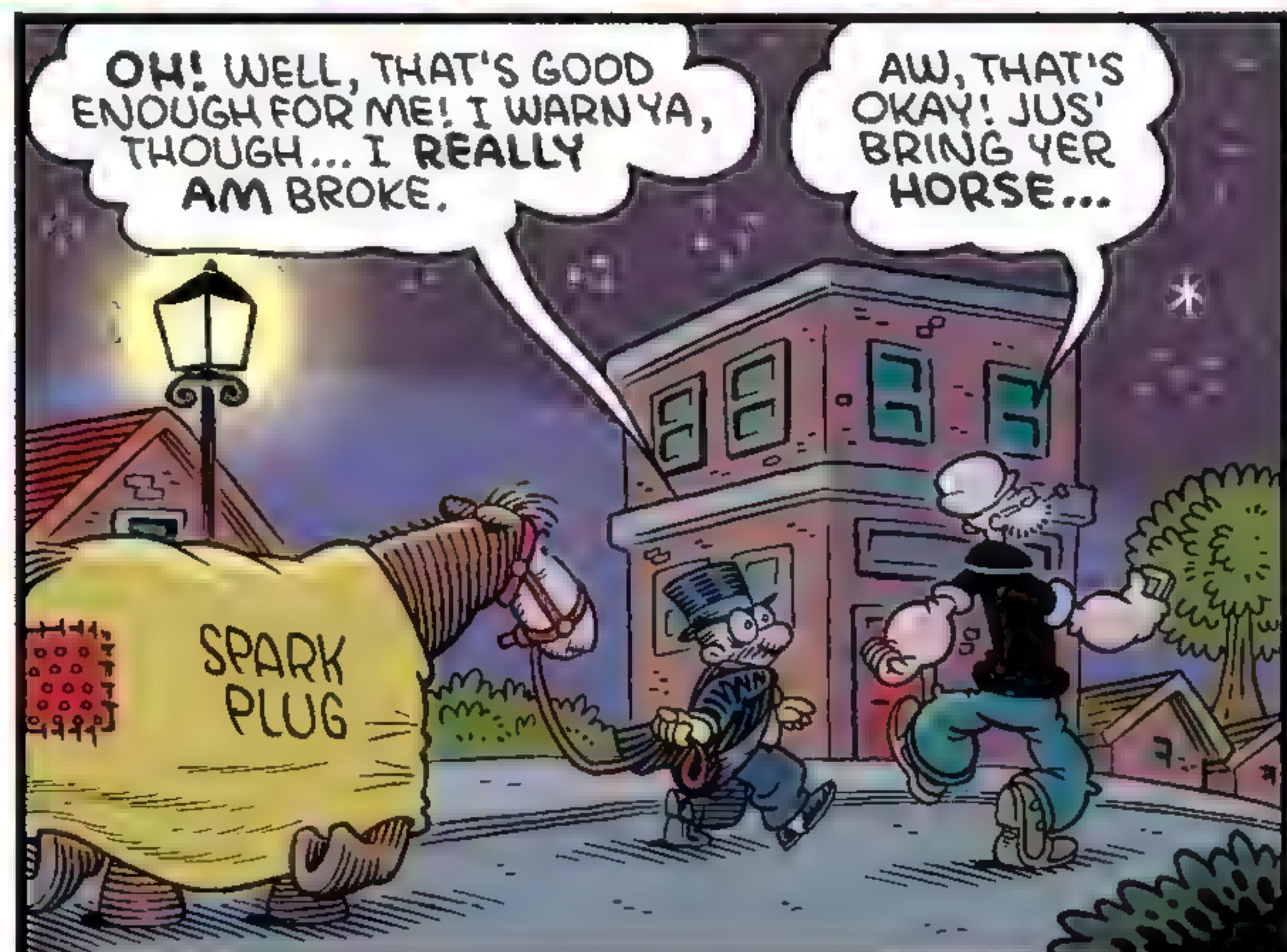
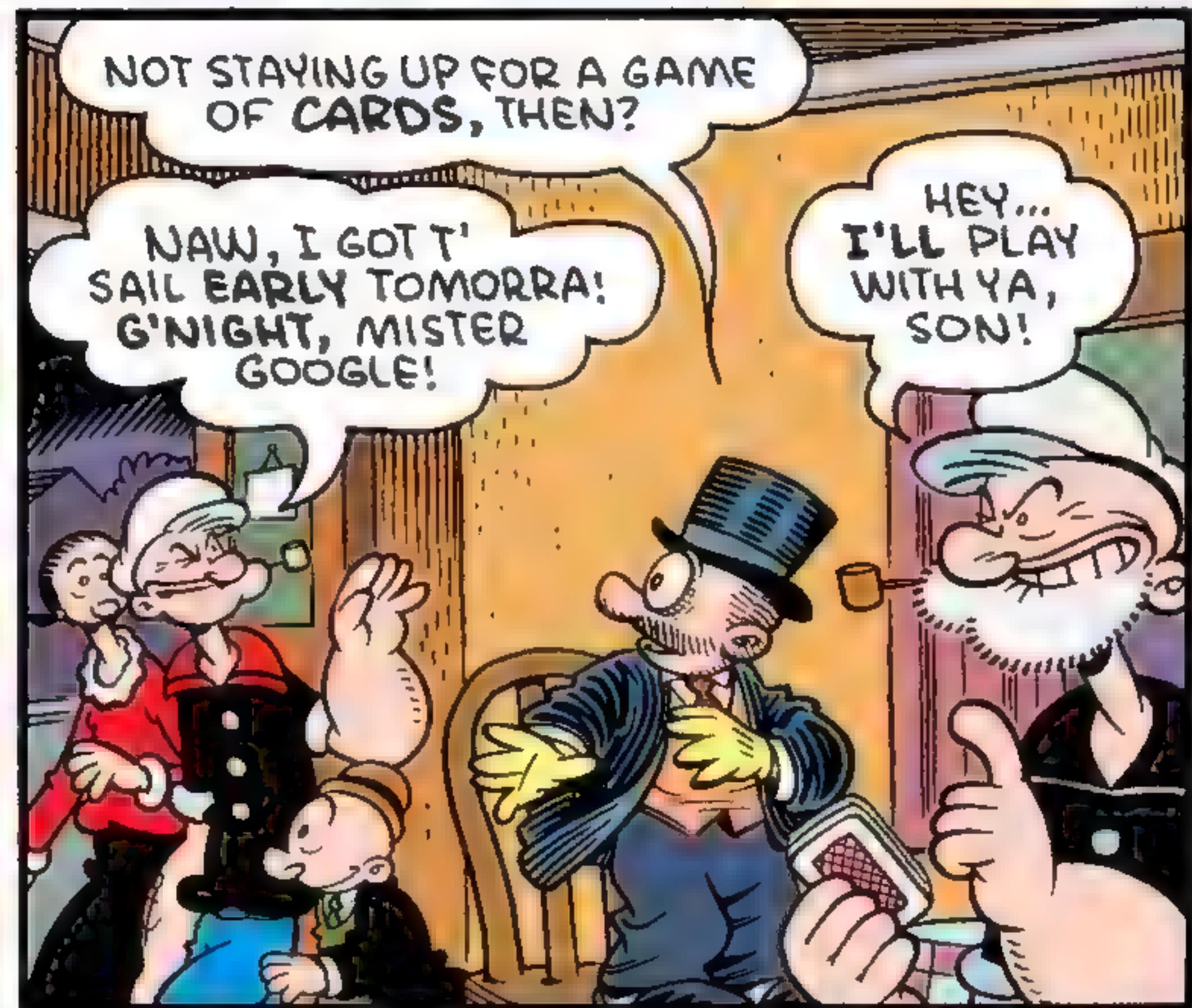
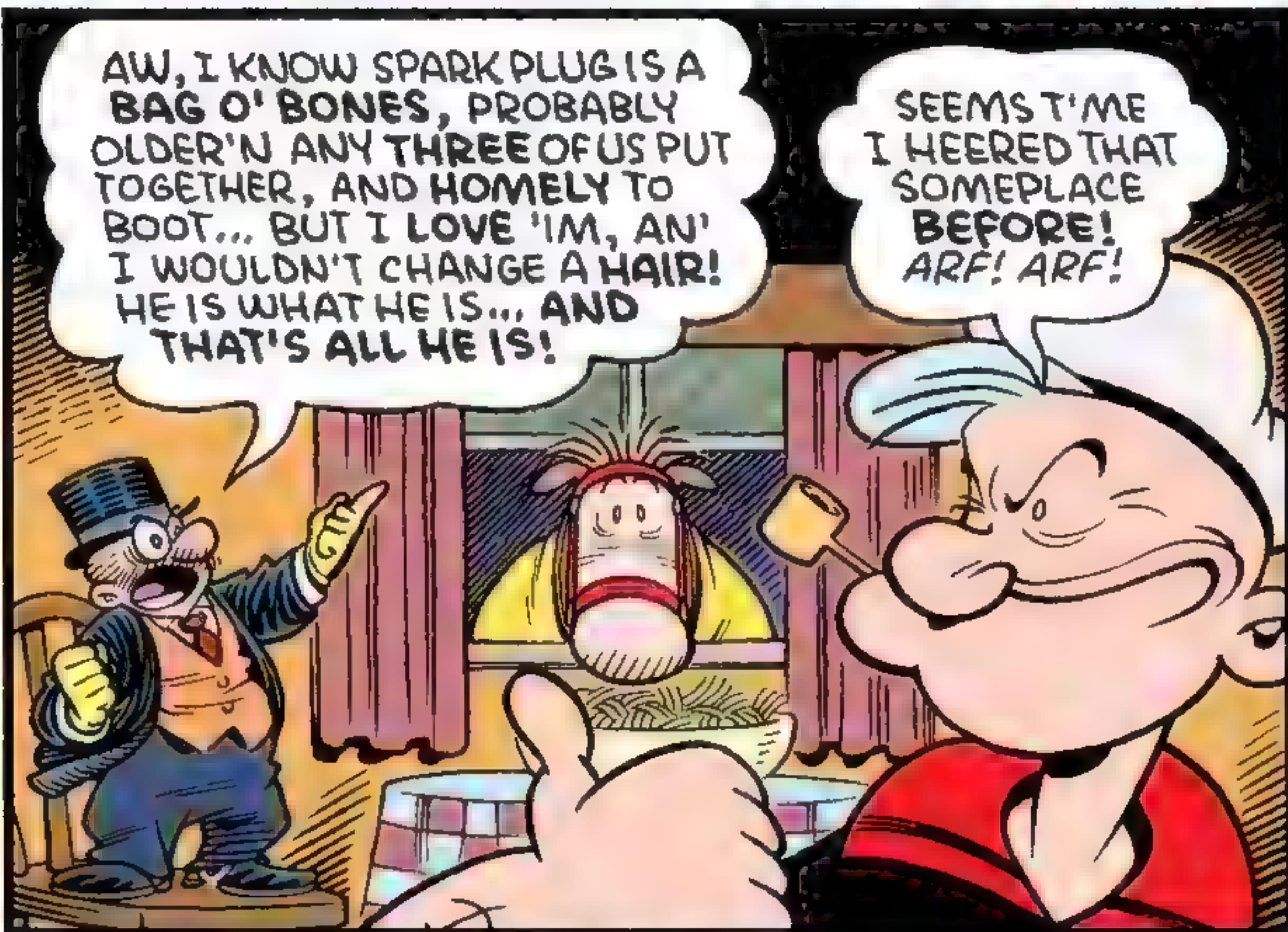
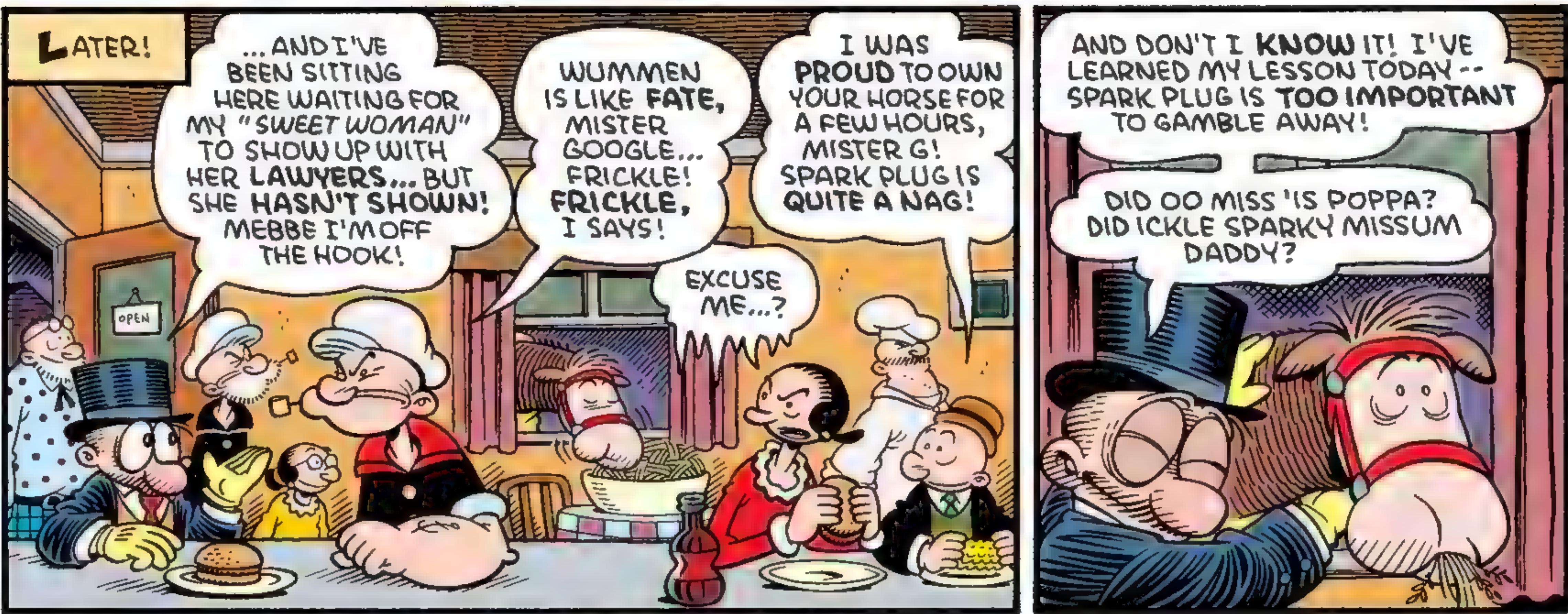
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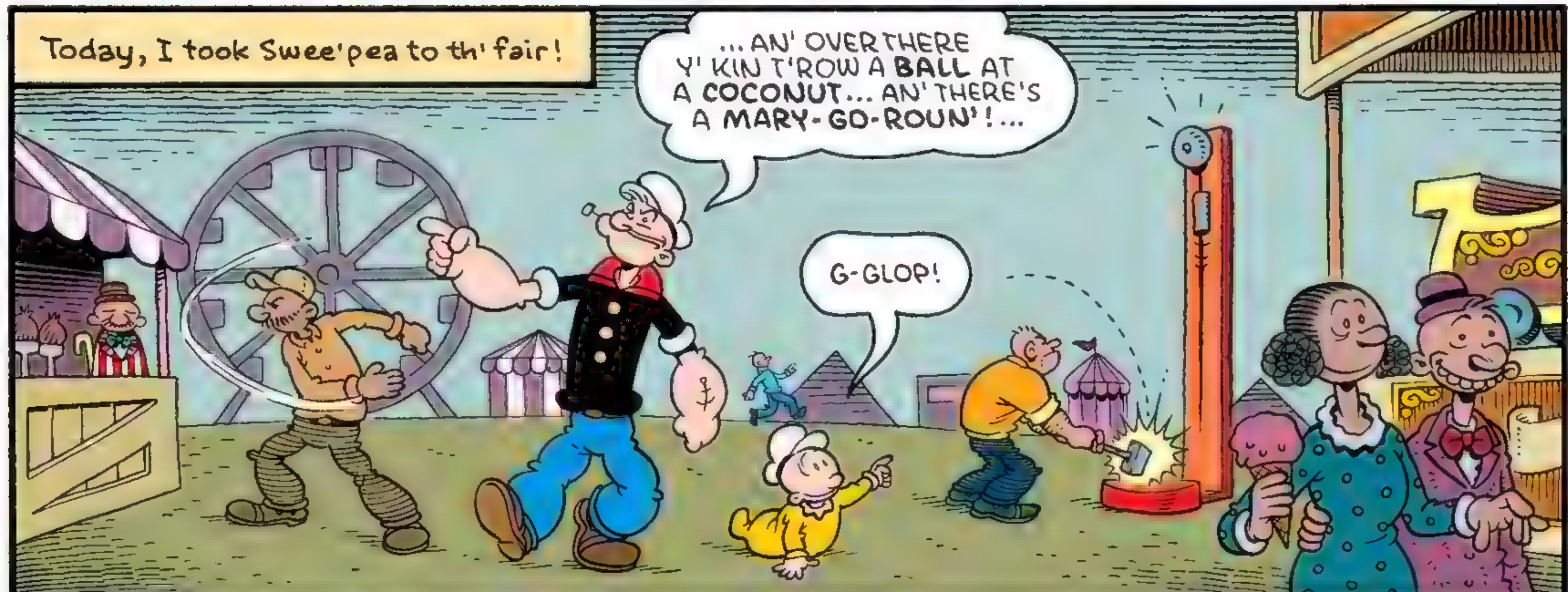
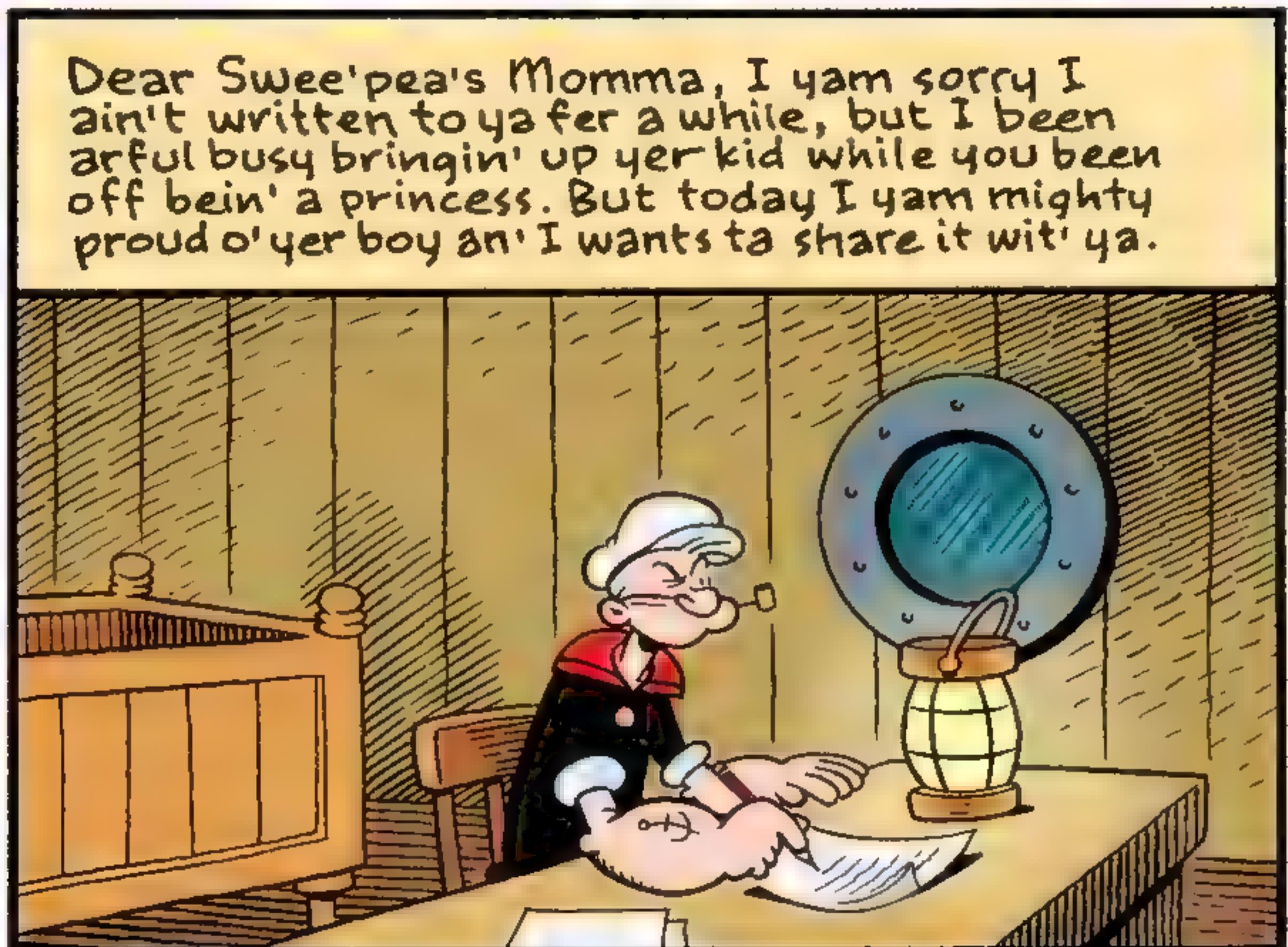
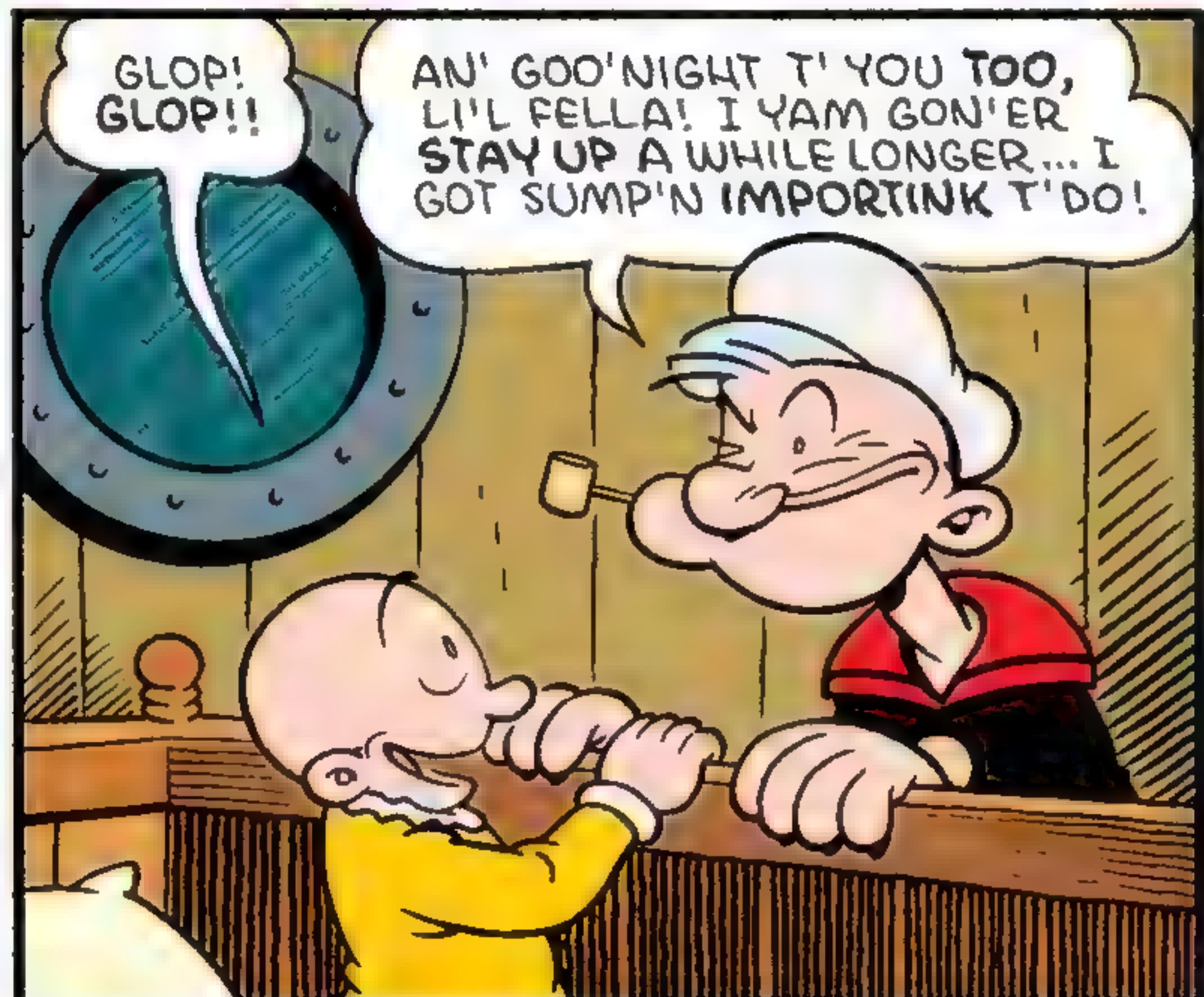
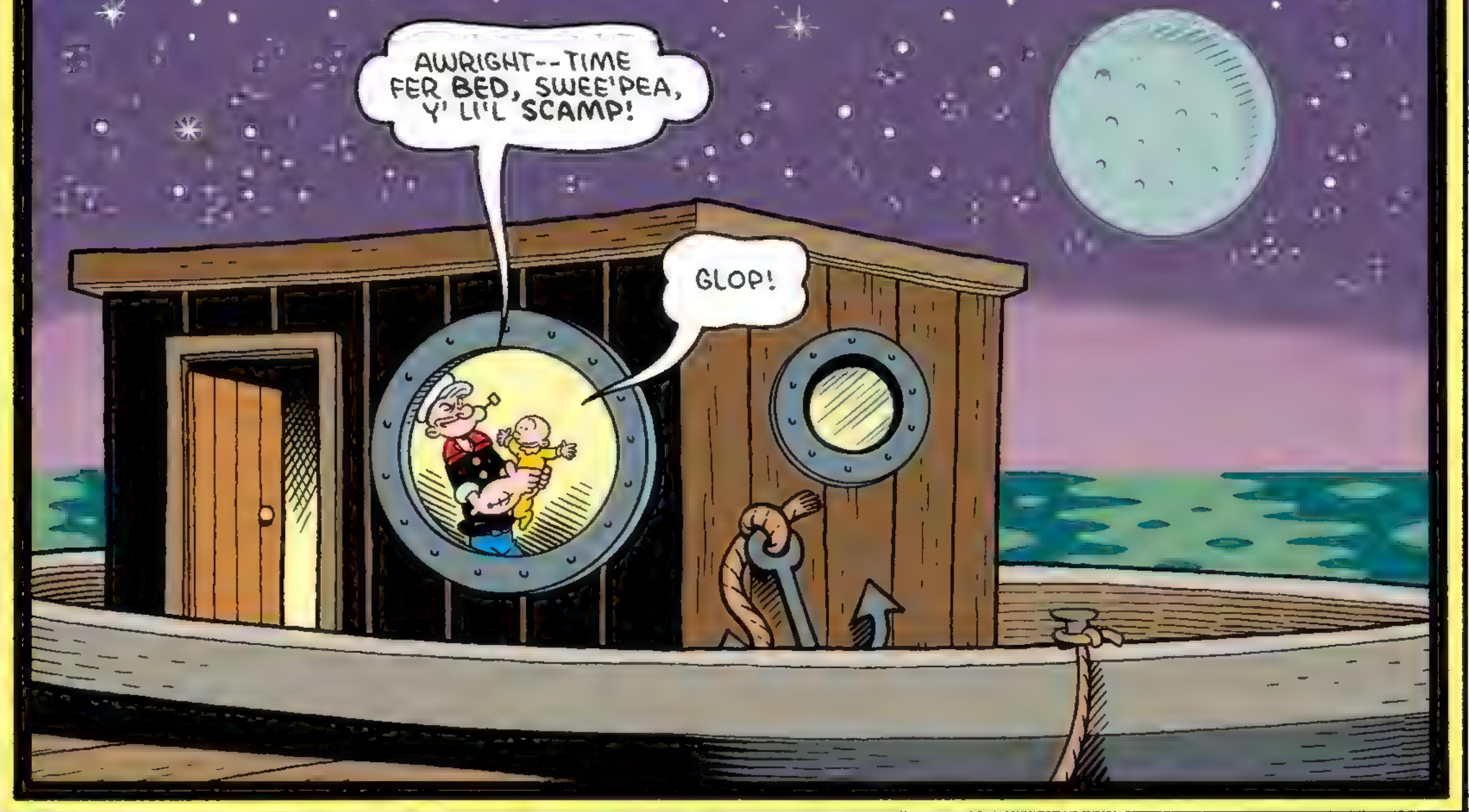


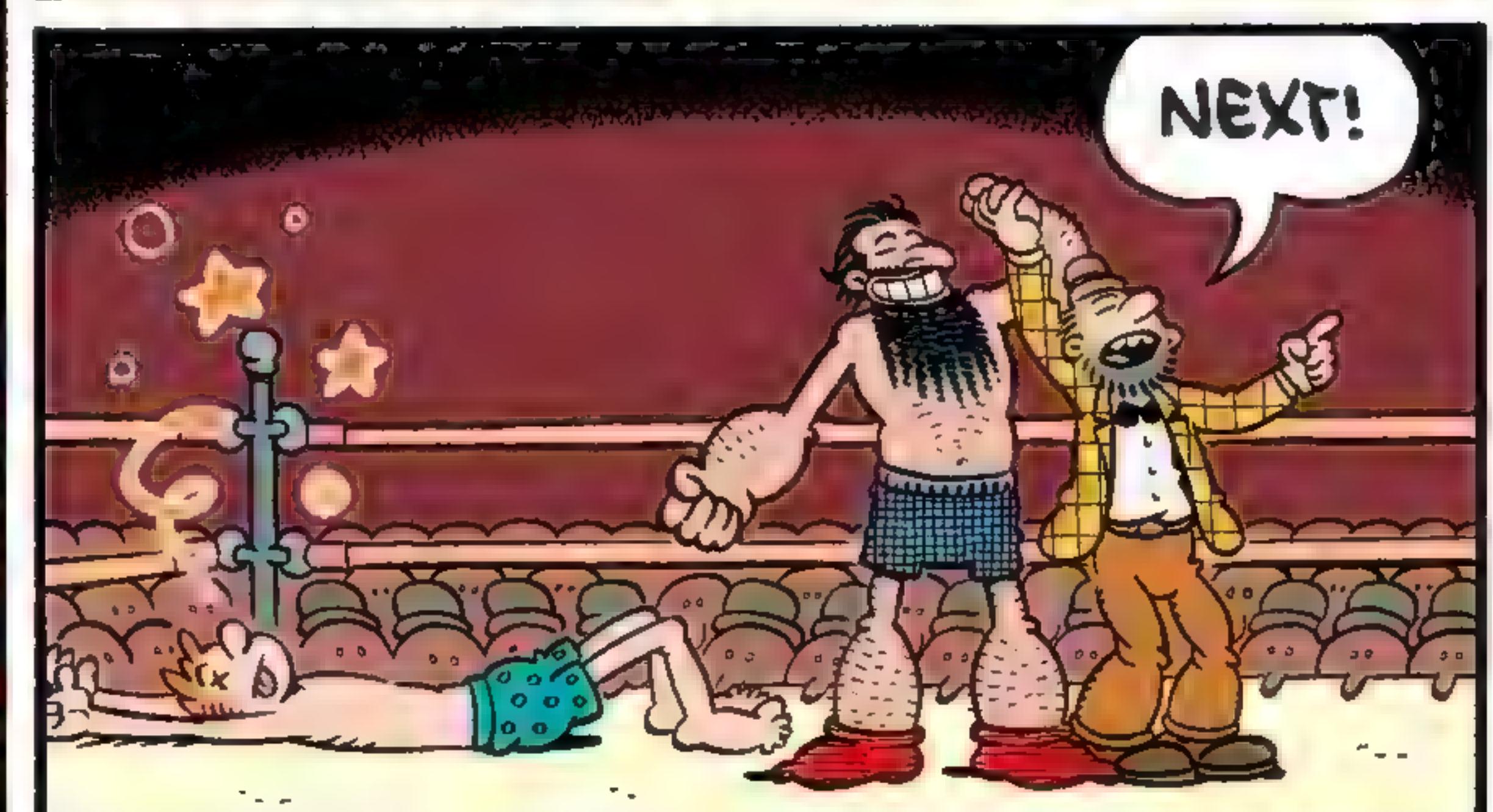
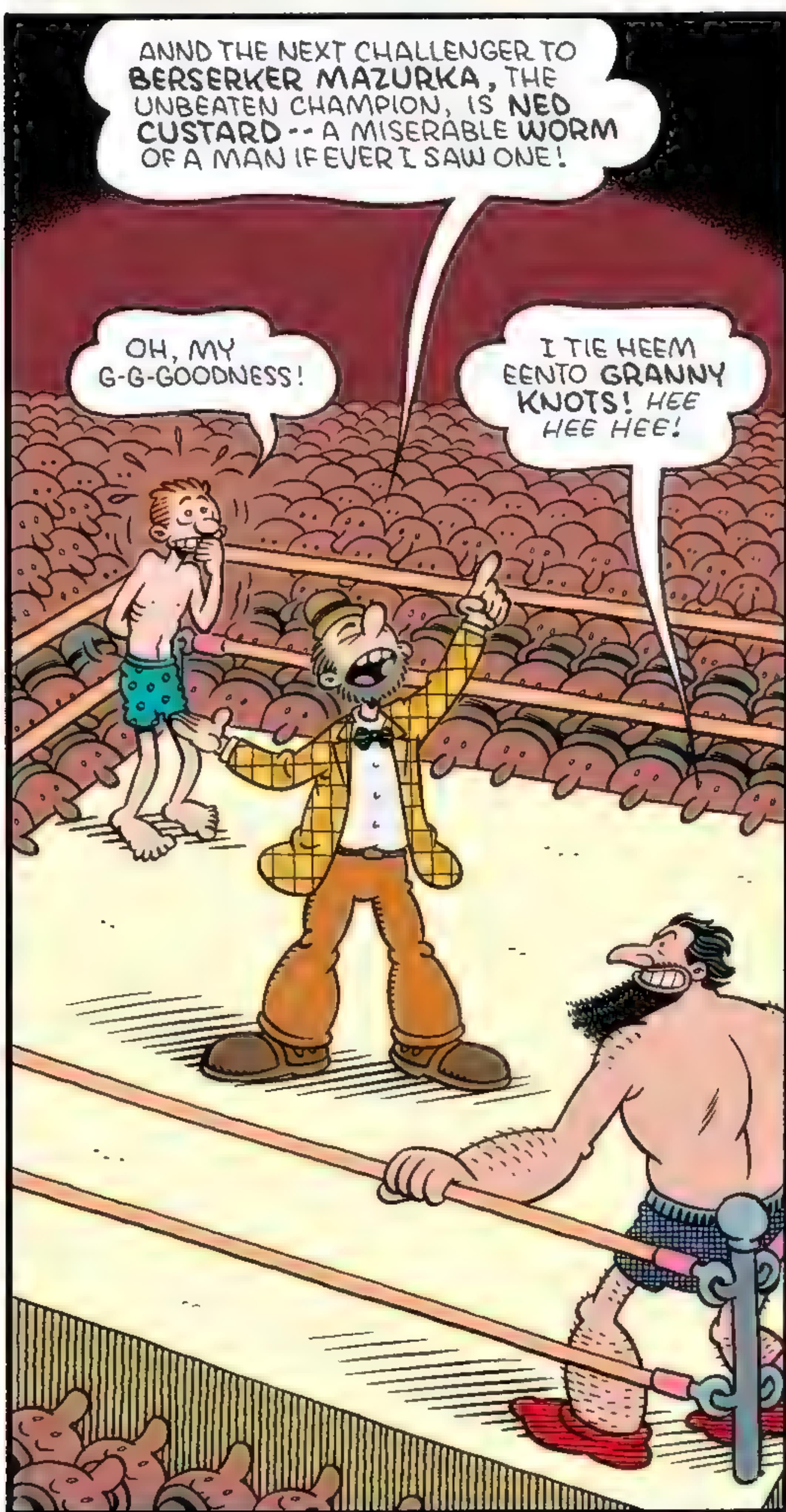
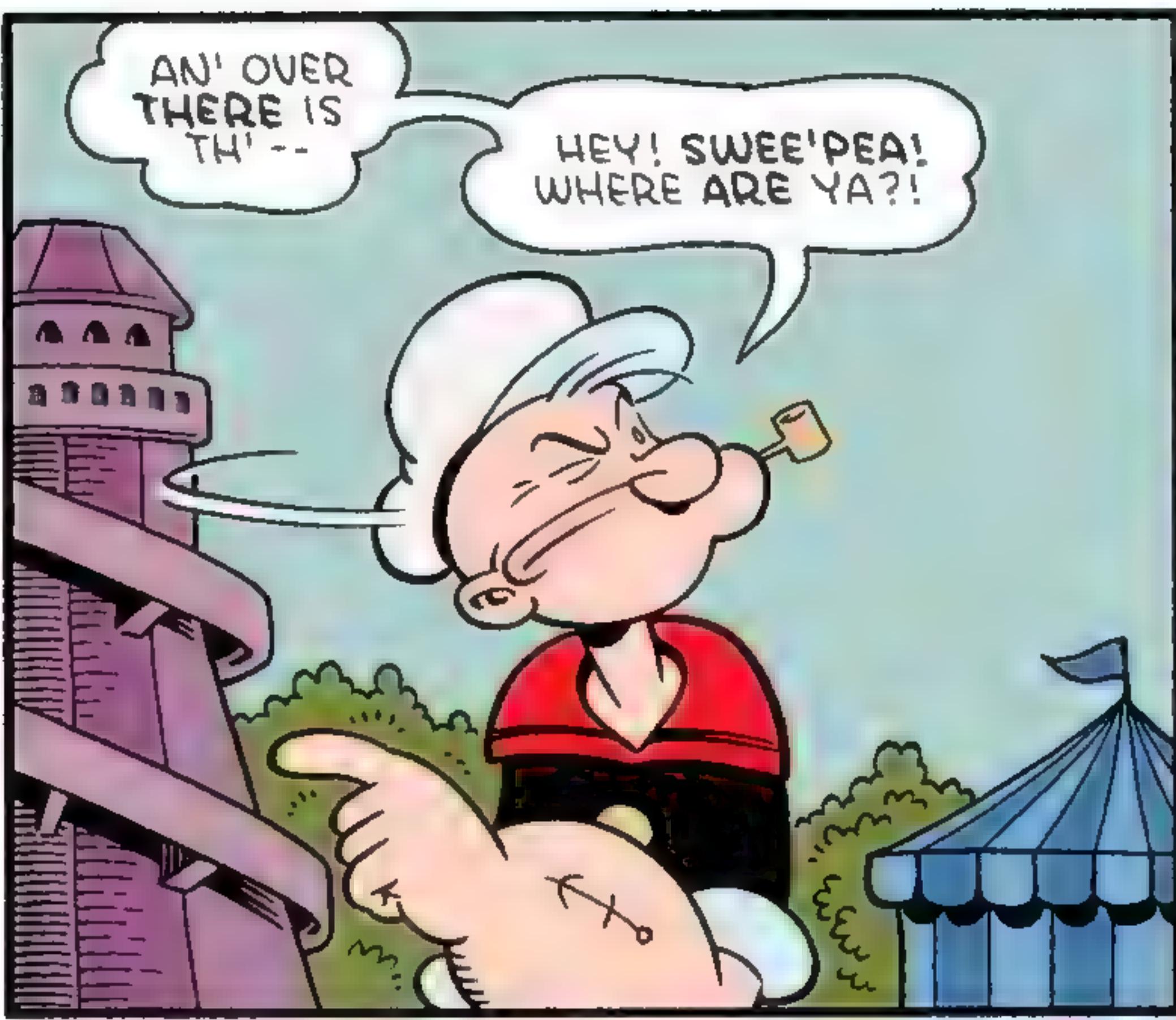
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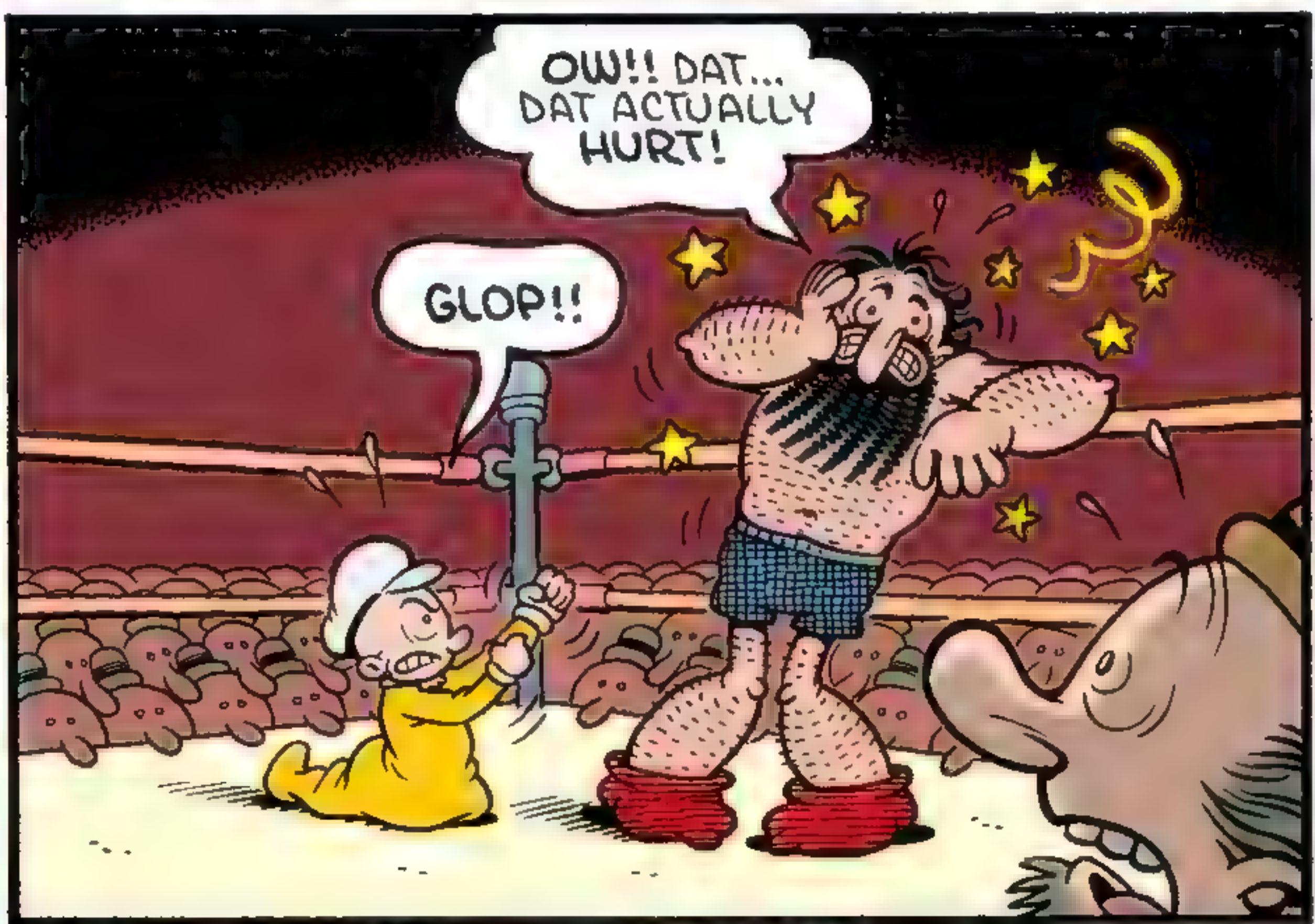
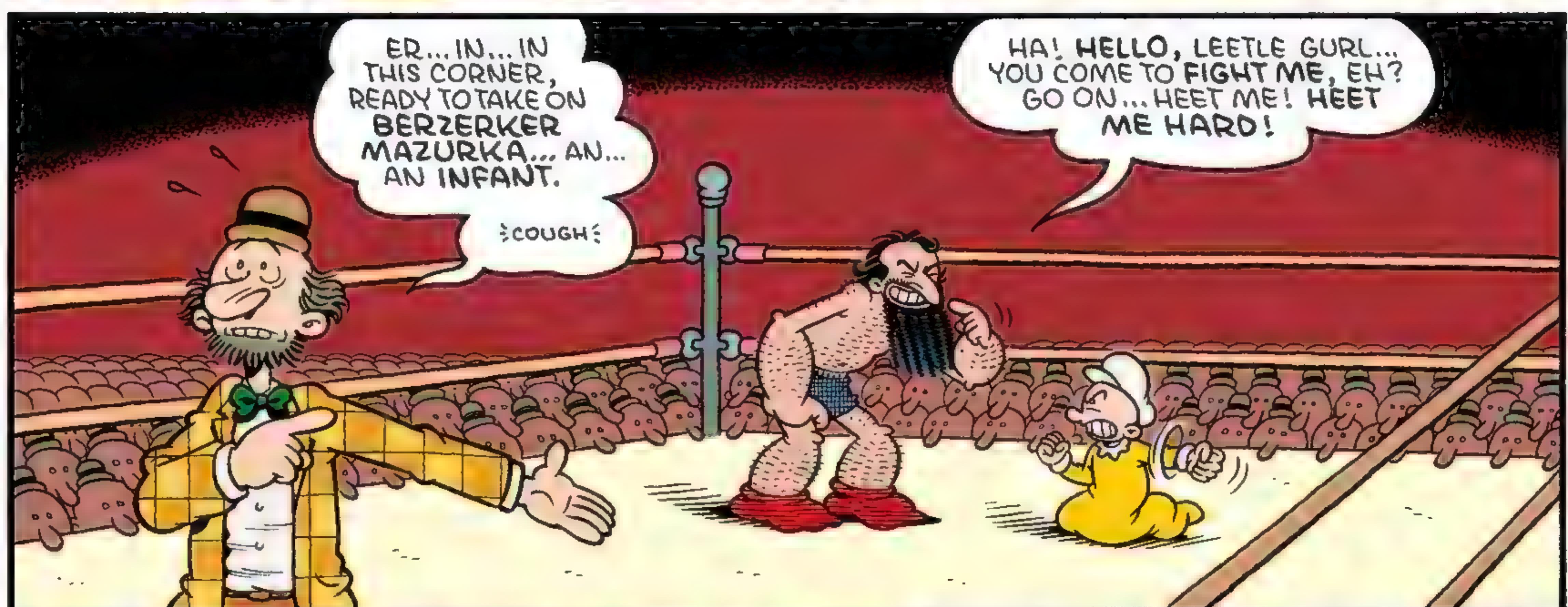
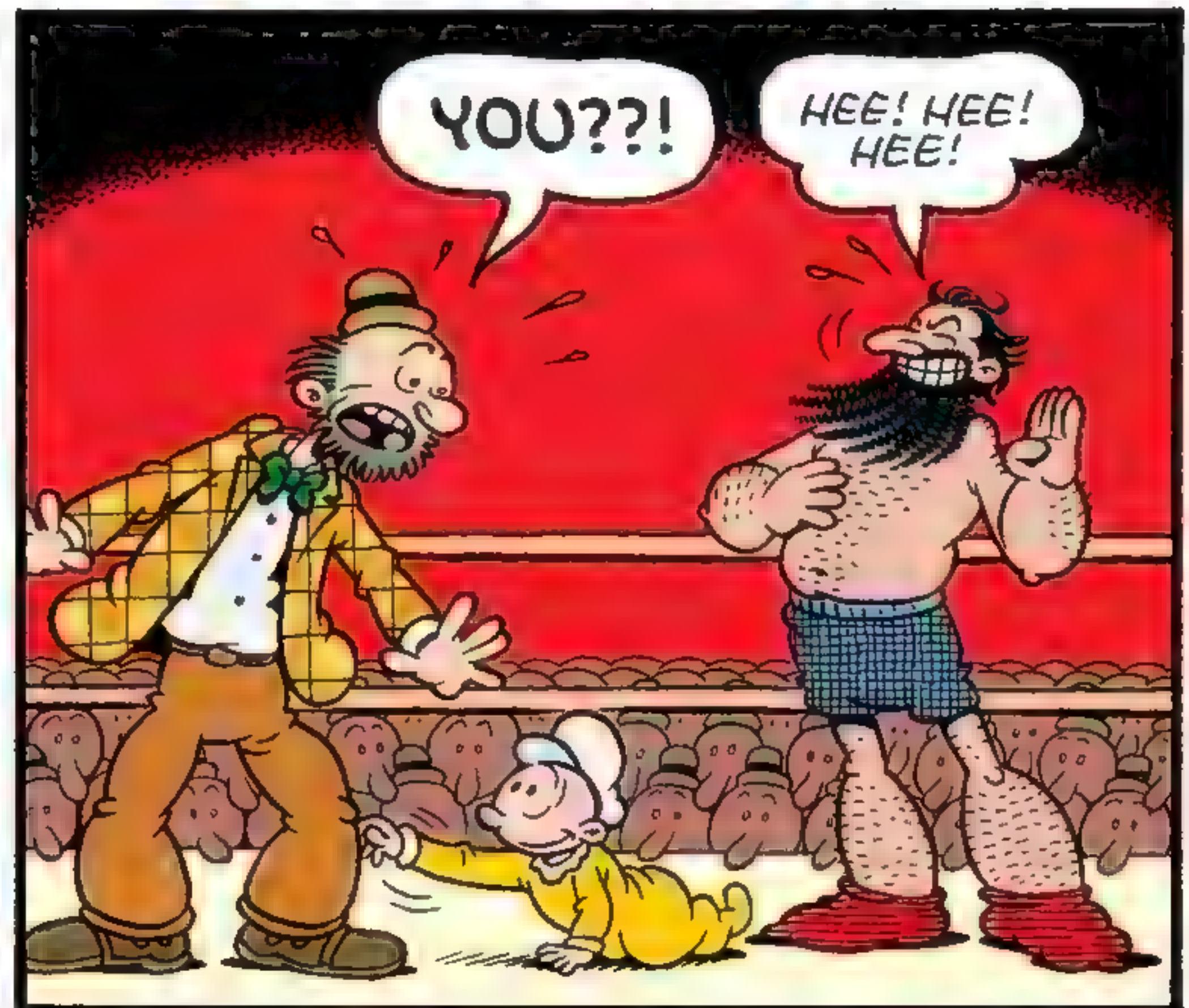
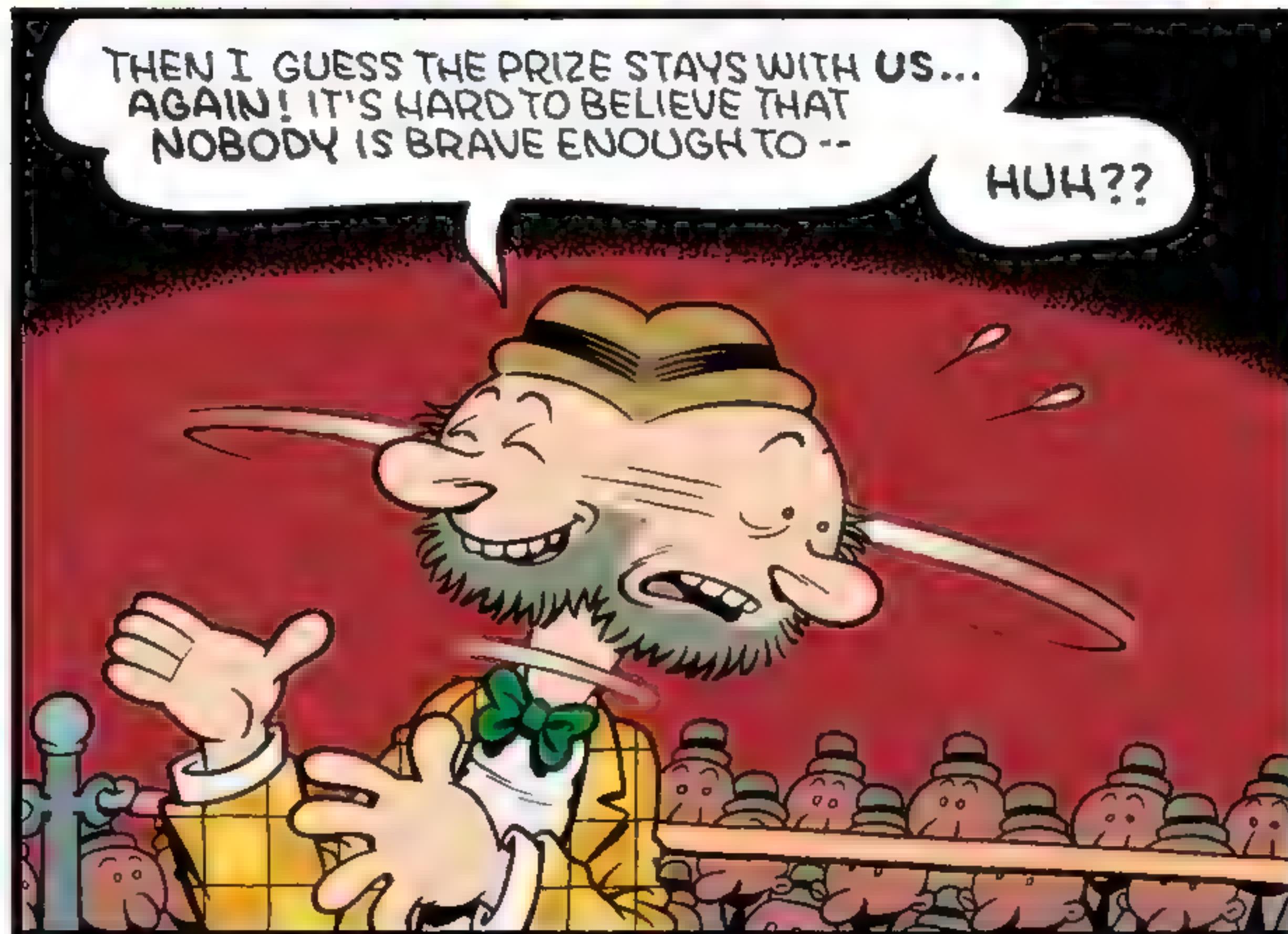
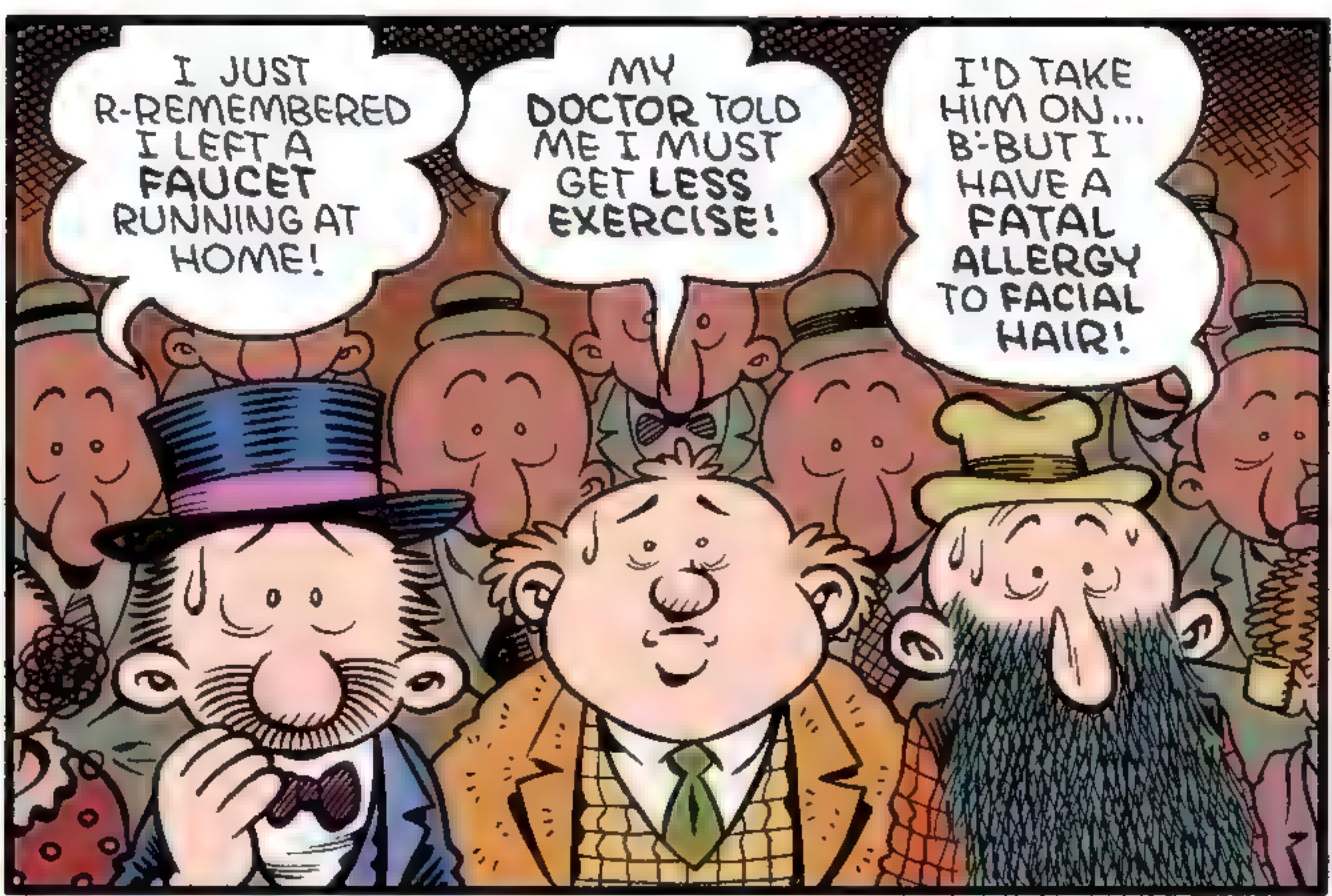
FOR DYLAN "SPARKPLUG" WILLIAMS

THIMBLE
THEATRE
PRESENTS

POPEYE and SWEE' PEA in "LETTER TO MOMMA"







It wuz 'bout then that I came in an' saw what wuz happ'nin'!

BLOW ME DOWN! SWEE'PEA! THERE YA IS!

DID YA SEE THAT KID SOCK MAZURKA IN THE OL' SNOOT?

DARNEDEST THING I EVER SEEN!

AW, IT AIN'T SO SURPRIZIN'! HE EATS HIS SPINACH, 'AT'S ALL! ARF! ARF!

ALL RIGHT, LEETLE CHUM-- HO! HO!-- YOU WON DAT ROUND! BUT I BET YOU CANNOT LAST ANNOOTHER ROUND AGAINST BERZERKER MAZURKA!

GLOP!
GLOP GLOP
GLOP!!

BERZERKER?
"BIG-A JERKA",
'AT'S MORE LIKE IT!

HMM...
THESE HERE ROPES GIMME A IDEA!

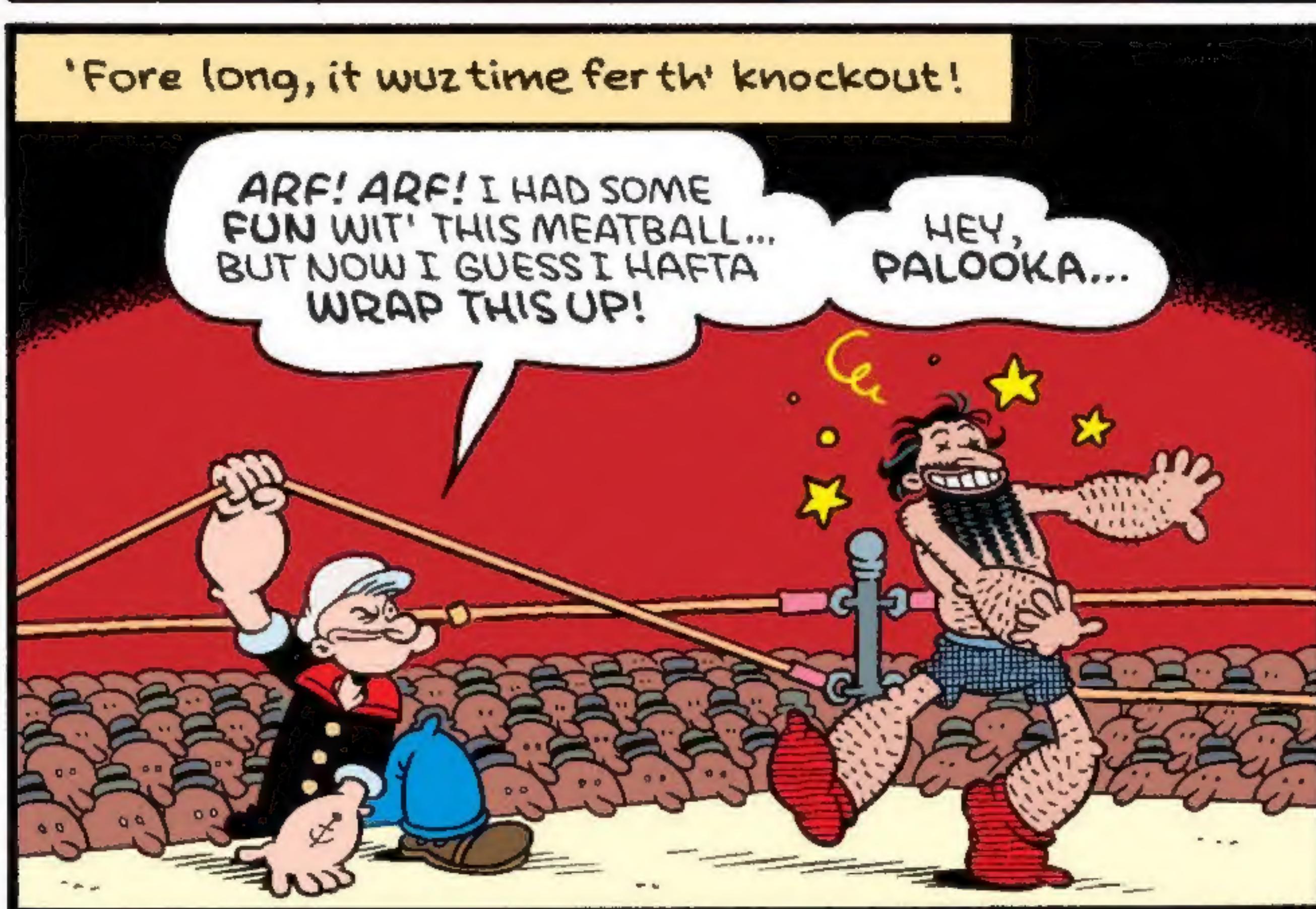
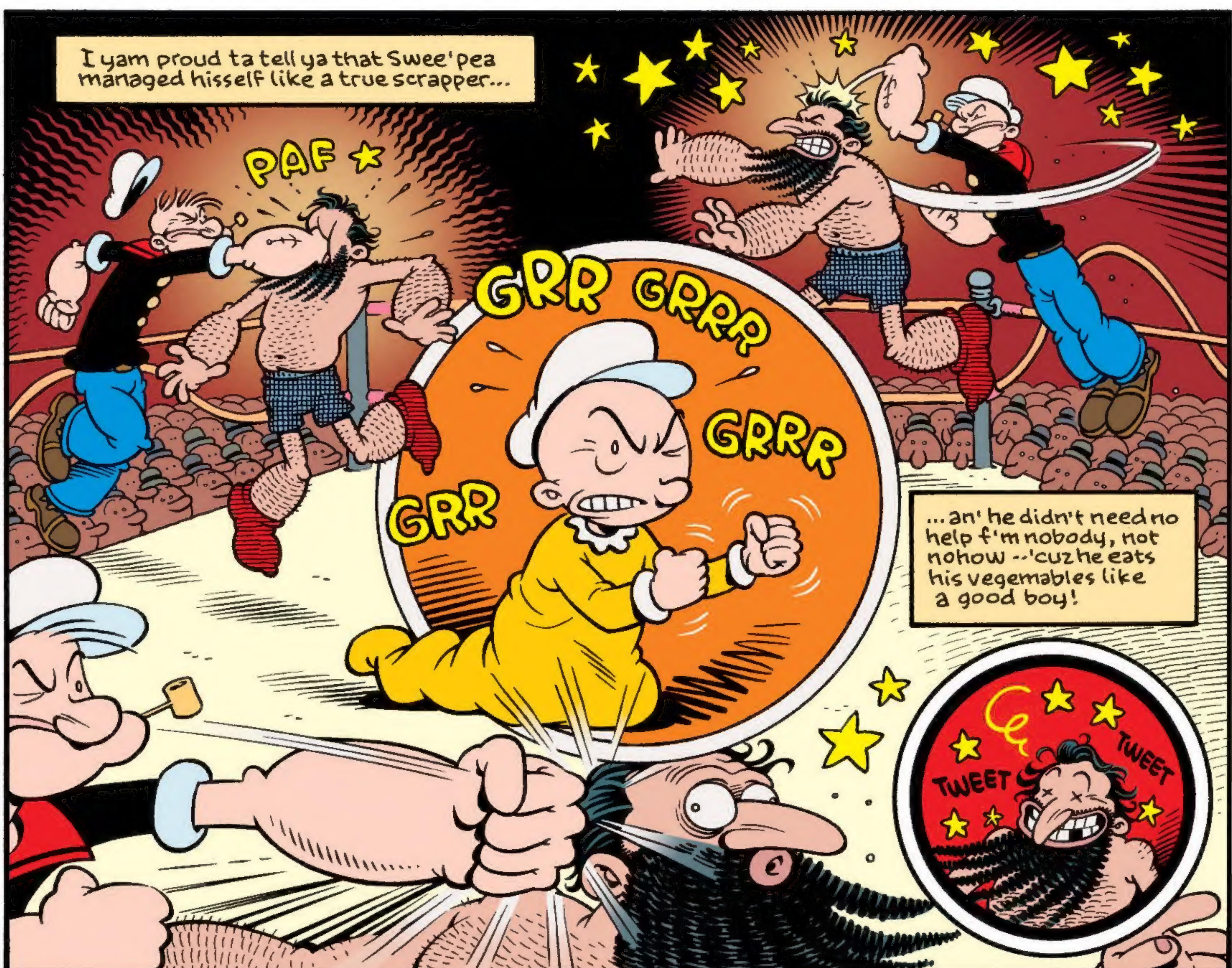
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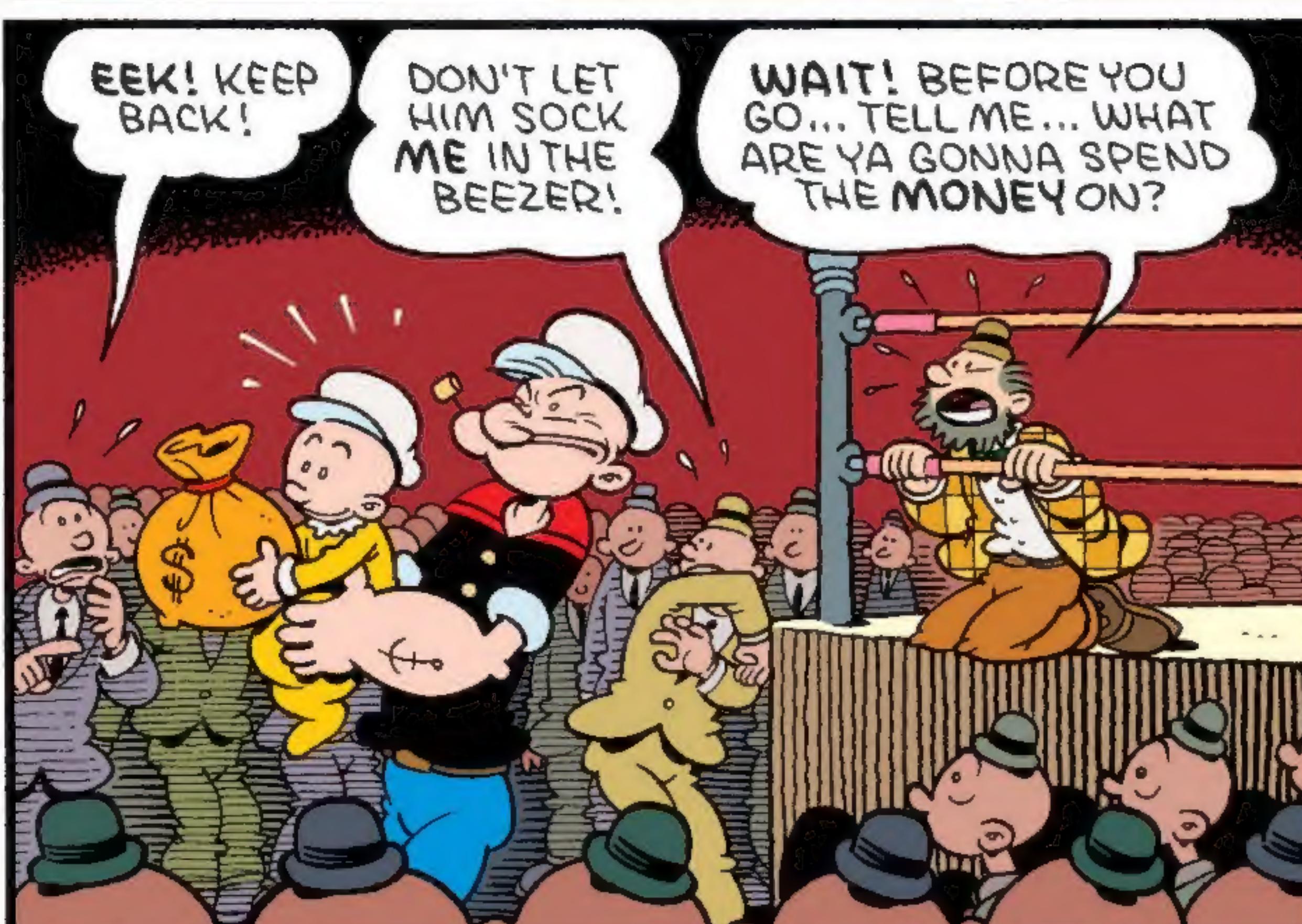
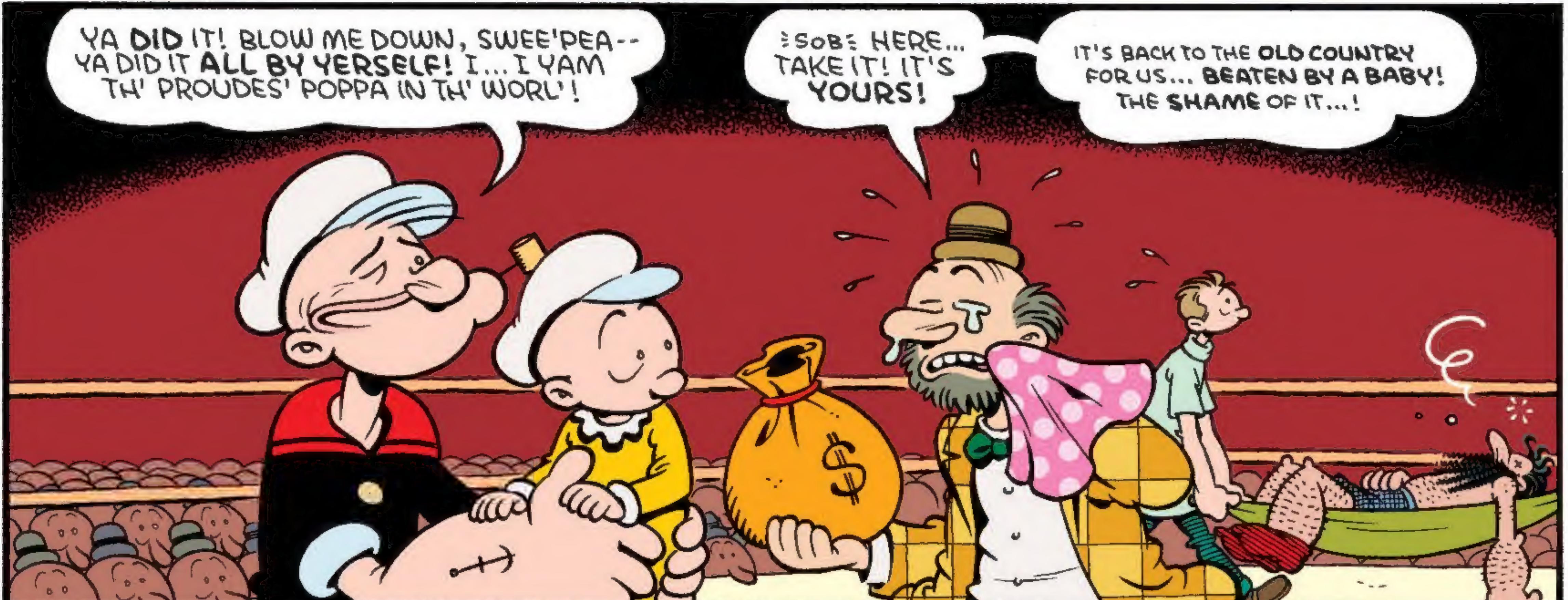
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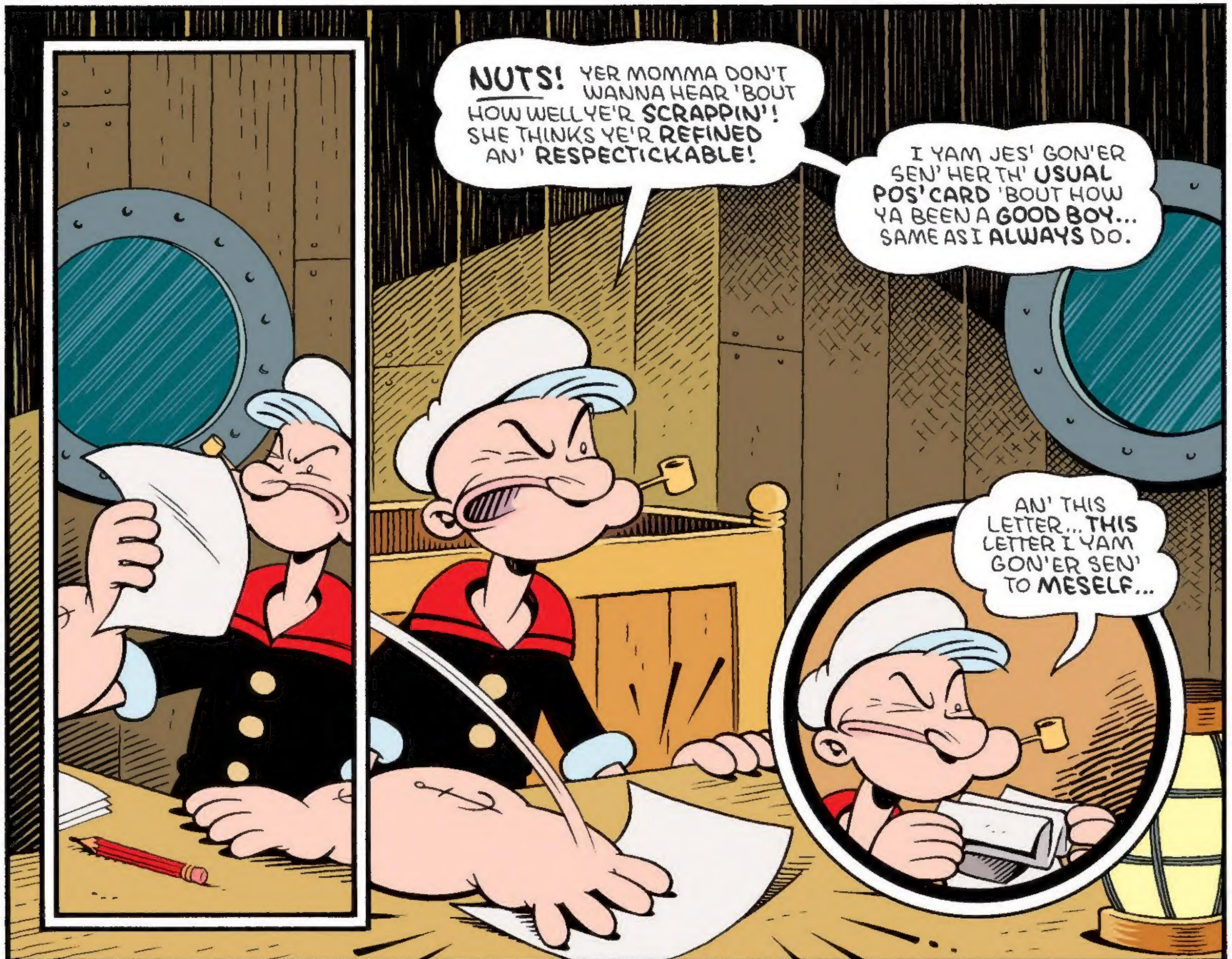
THRRRP!

WHAT EEN--?
I MUST BE EEMAGEENEENG T'EENG'S!

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